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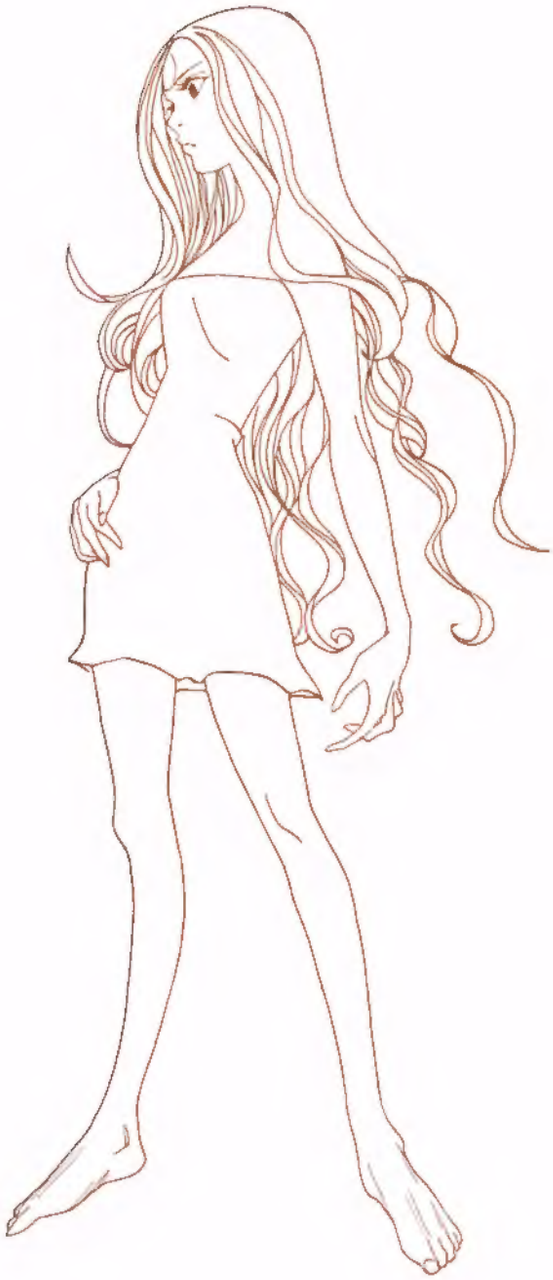

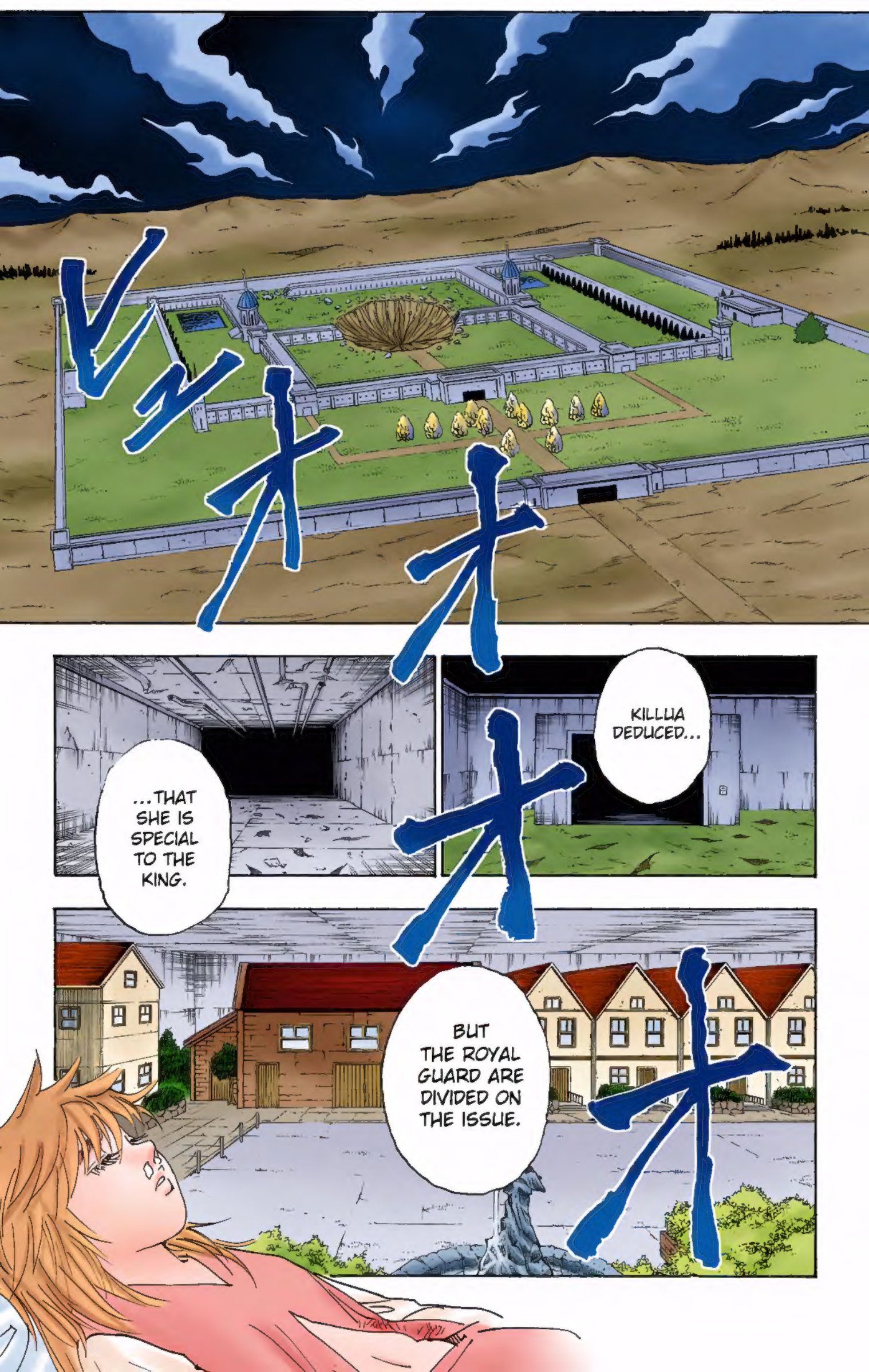
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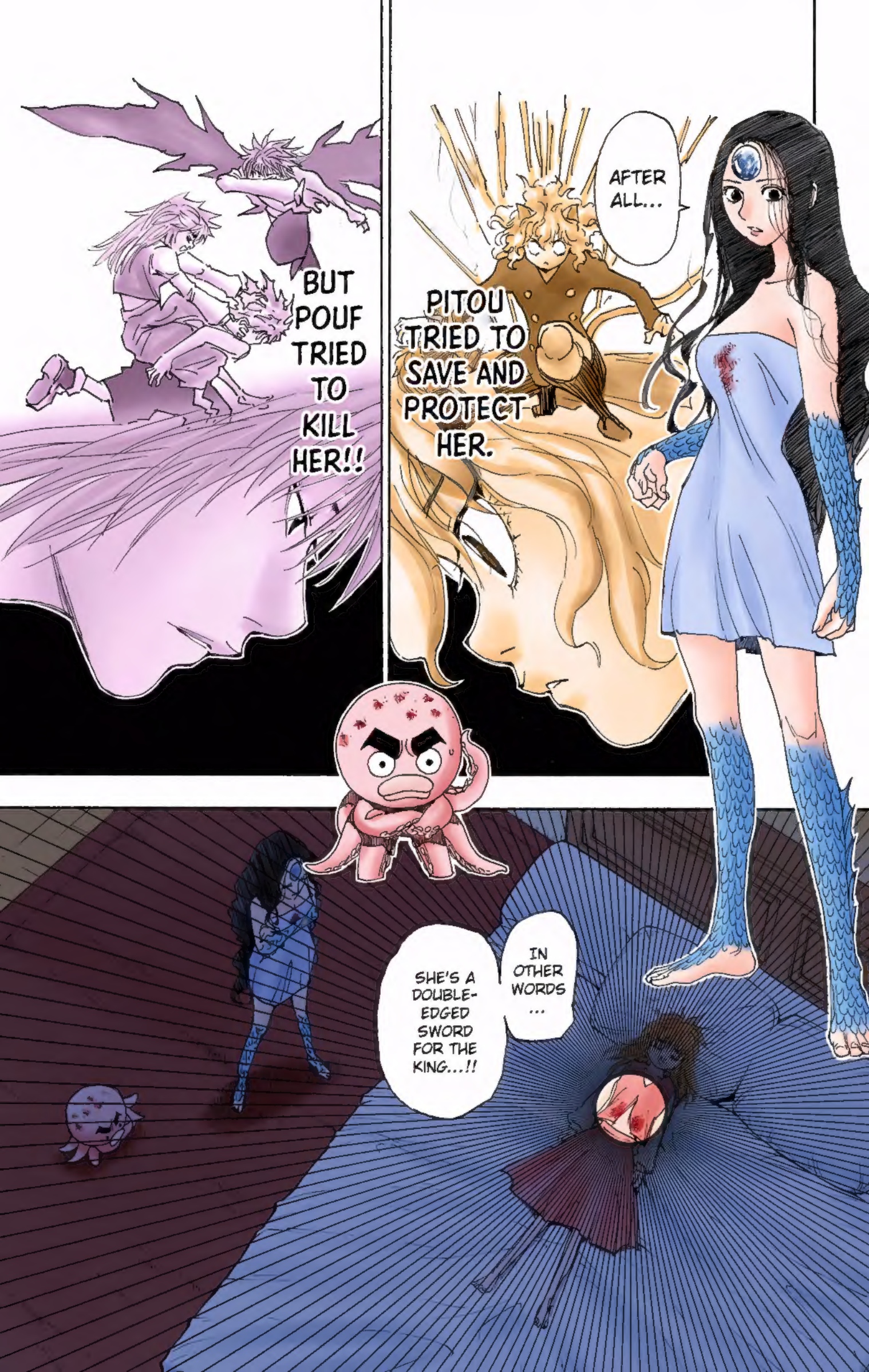
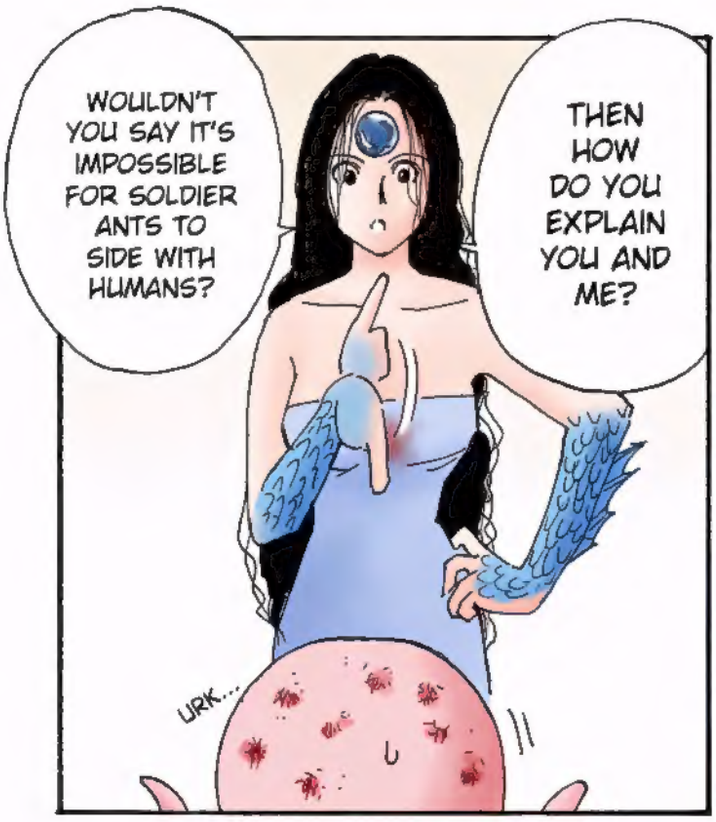
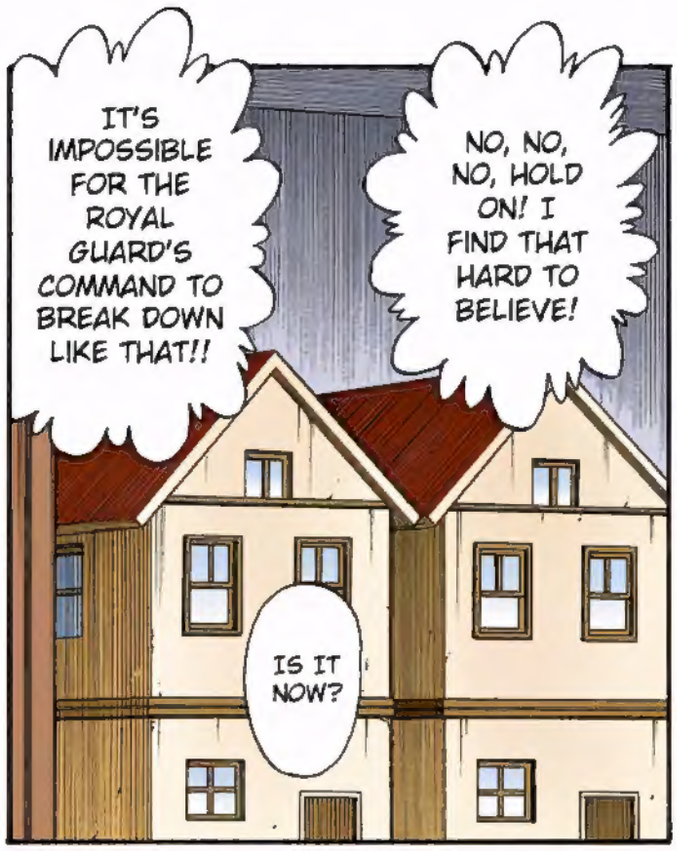
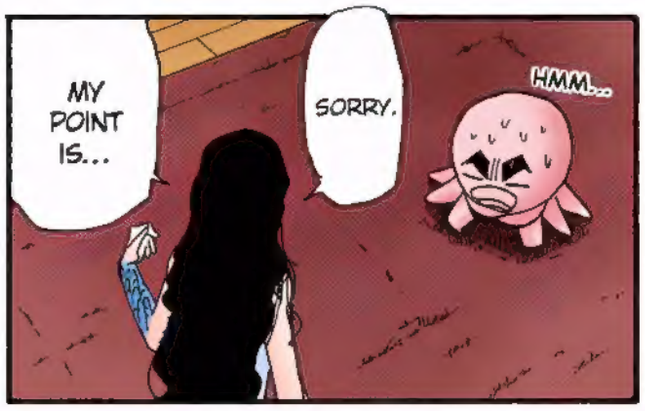
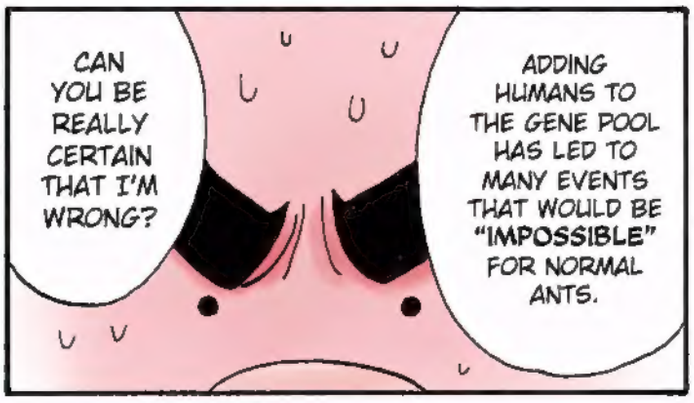
KILLUA DEDUCED...
...THAT SHE IS SPECIAL TO THE KING.
BUT THE ROYAL GUARD ARE DIVIDED ON THE ISSUE.


BUT POUF TRIED TO KILL HER!!
AFTER ALL...
PITOU TRIED TO SAVE AND PROTECT HER.
SHE'S A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD FOR THE KING...!!
IN OTHER WORDS ...



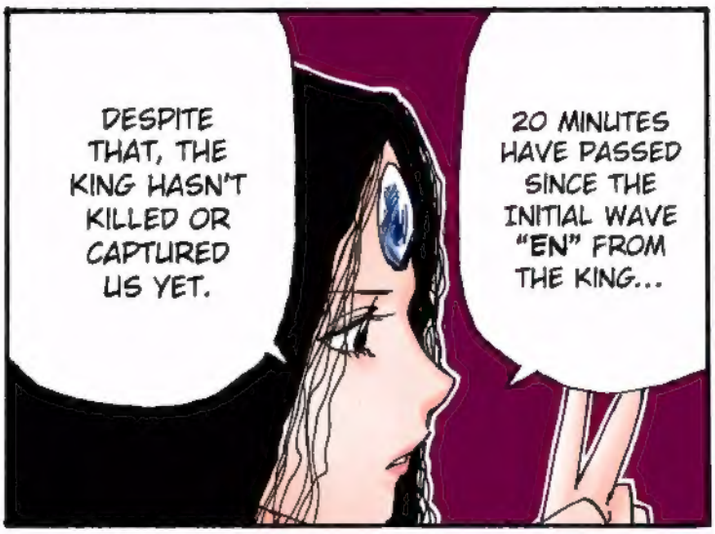



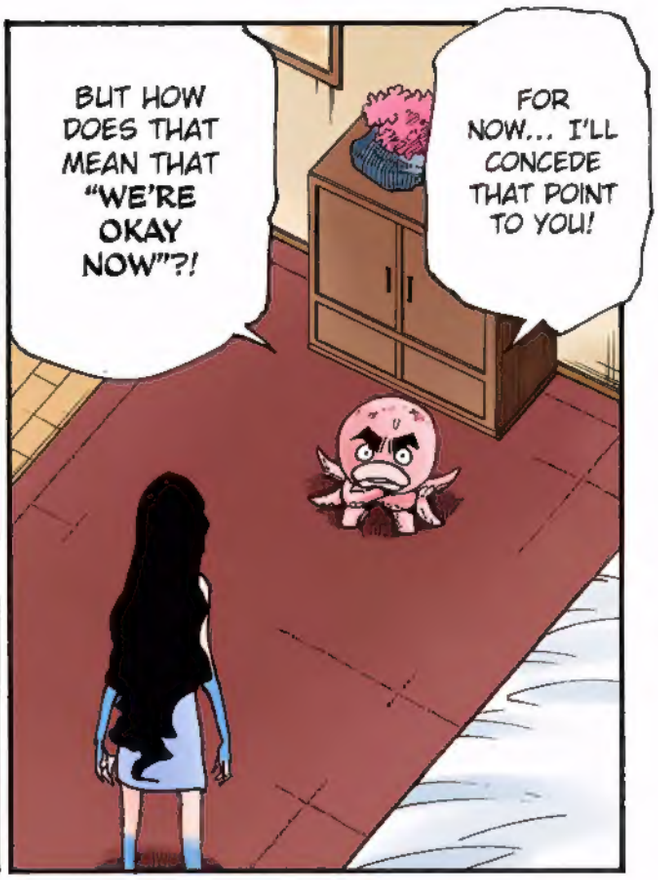



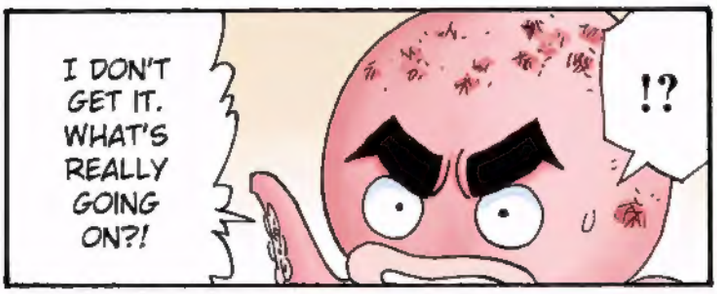




"THERE IS A HUMAN THAT THE KING CARES DEEPLY ABOUT." "WE MUST PROTECT THAT HUMAN." OR "WE MUST KILL THAT HUMAN." BOTH REACTIONS MAKE SENSE.

...THAT THE DIVISION AMONG THE ROYAL GUARD MAY NOT NECESSARILY CONTRADICT THEIR LOYALTY TO THE KING.


DESPITE THAT, THE KING HASN'T KILLED OR CAPTURED US YET.
20 MINUTES HAVE PASSED SINCE THE INITIAL WAVE "EN" FROM THE KING...


BUT HOW DOES THAT MEAN THAT "WE'RE OKAY NOW"?!
FOR NOW... I'LL CONCEDE THAT POINT TO YOU!


I DON'T GET IT. WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON?!
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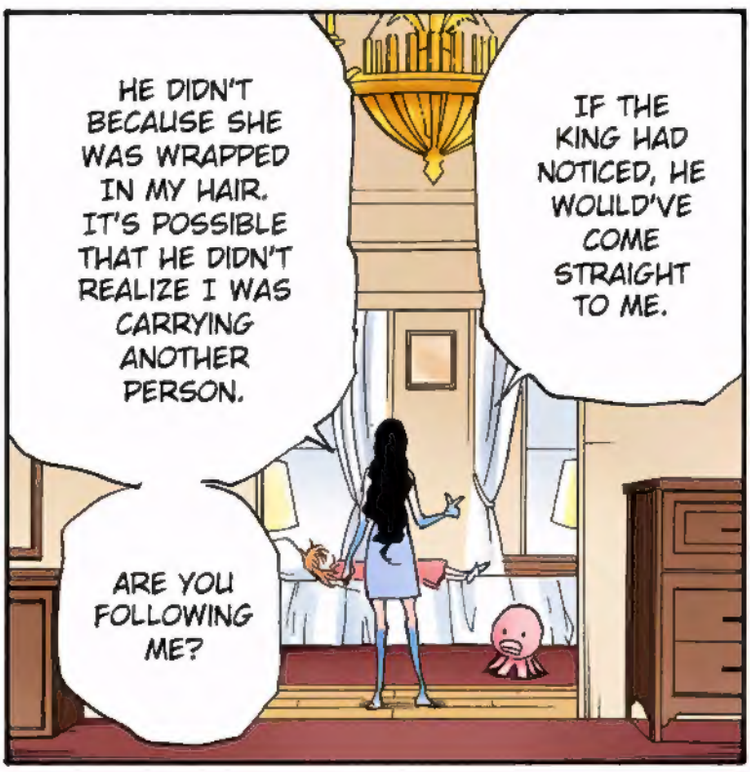
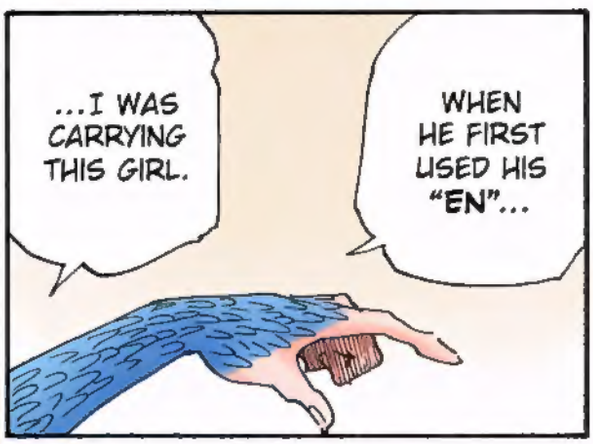
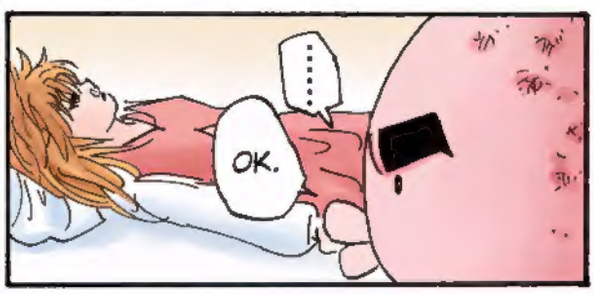

HE DIDN'T BECAUSE SHE WAS WRAPPED IN MY HAIR. IT'S POSSIBLE THAT HE DIDN'T REALIZE I WAS CARRYING ANOTHER PERSON.
IF THE KING HAD NOTICED, HE WOULD'VE COME STRAIGHT TO ME.
ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?


...I WAS CARRYING THIS GIRL.
WHEN HE FIRST USED HIS "EN"...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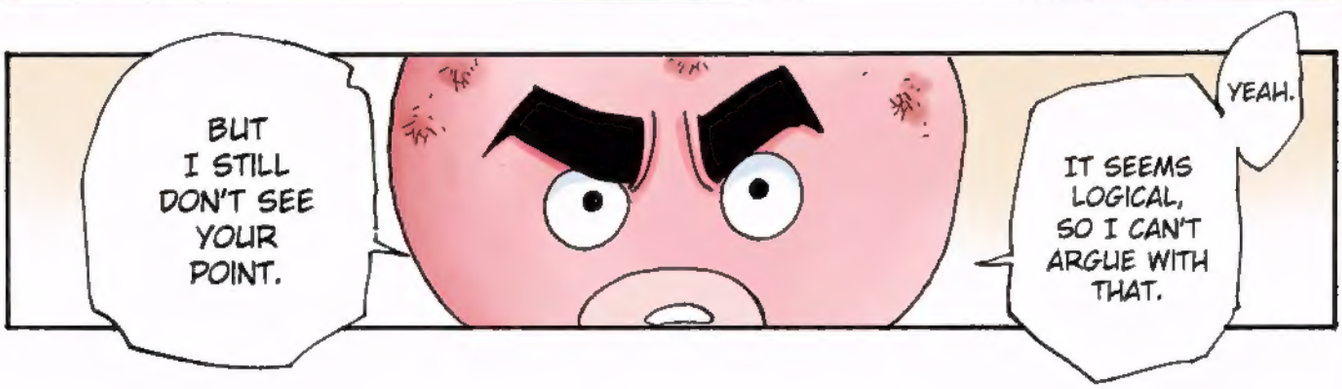
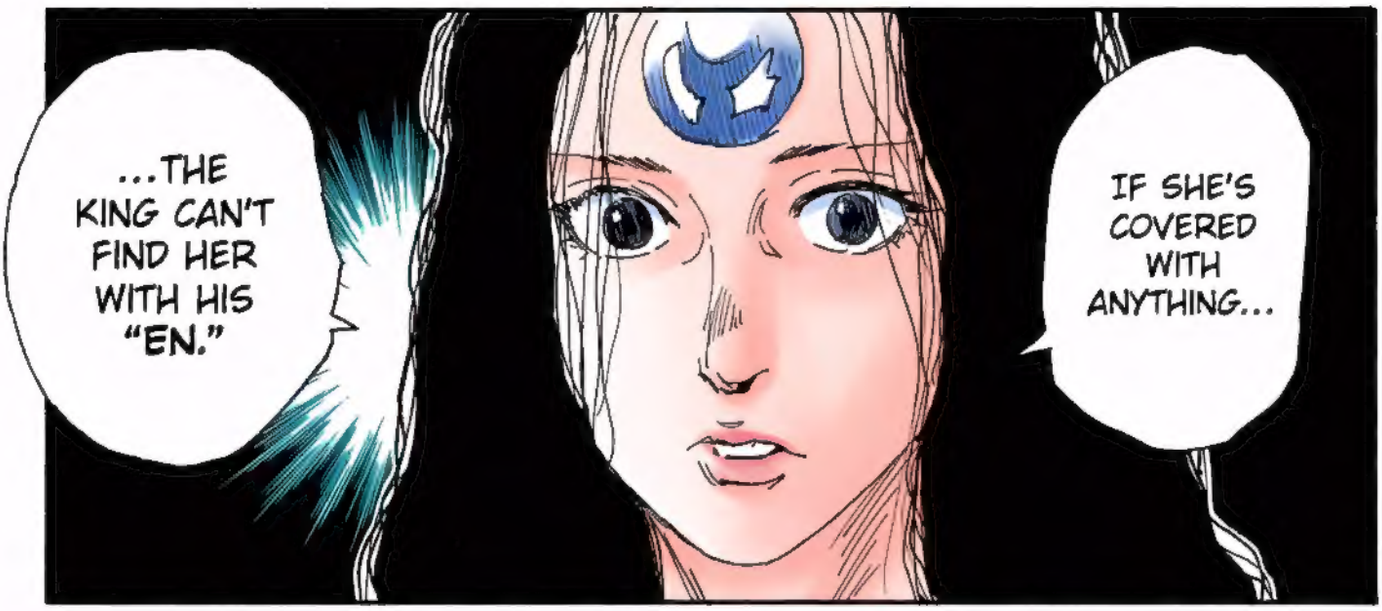
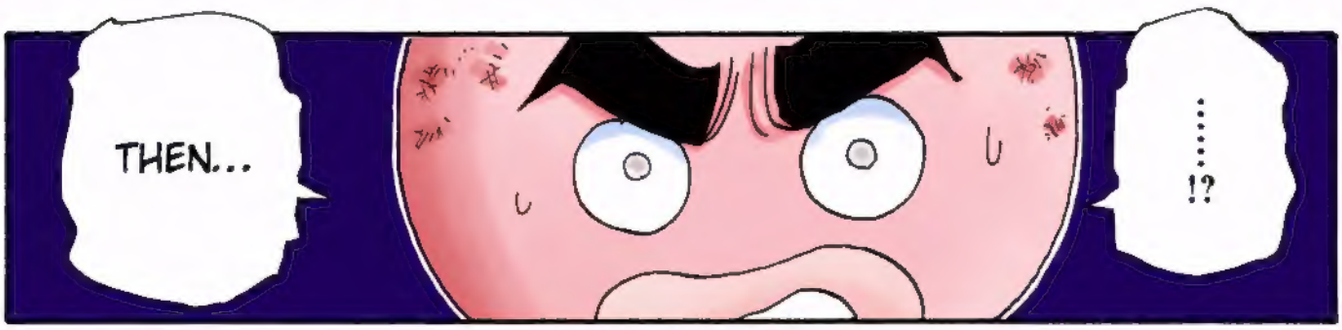
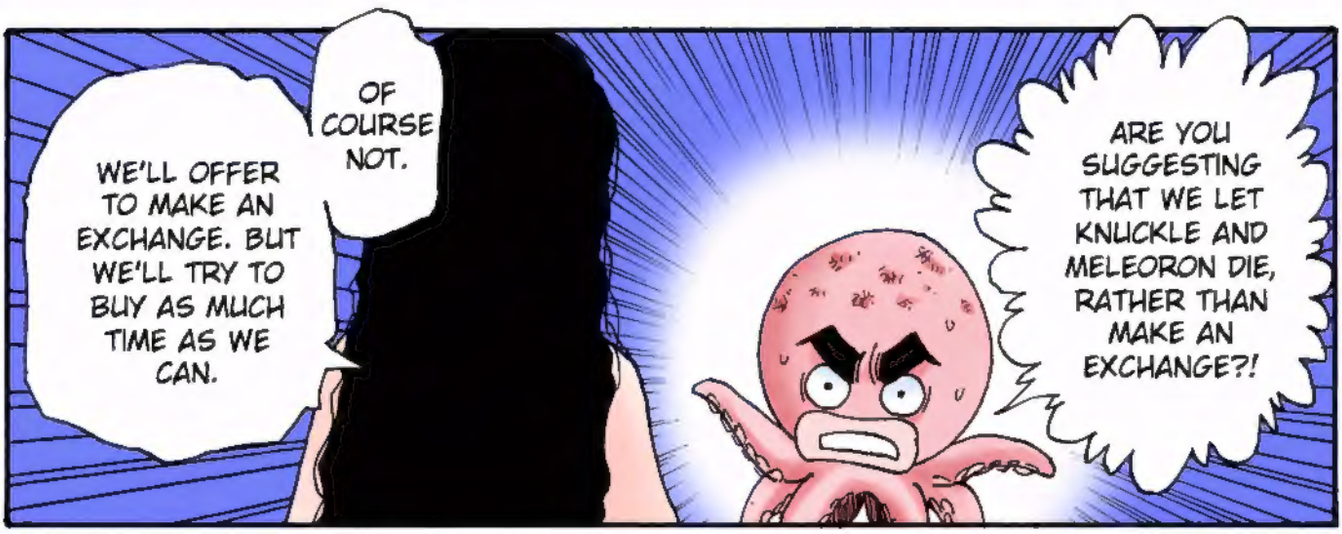
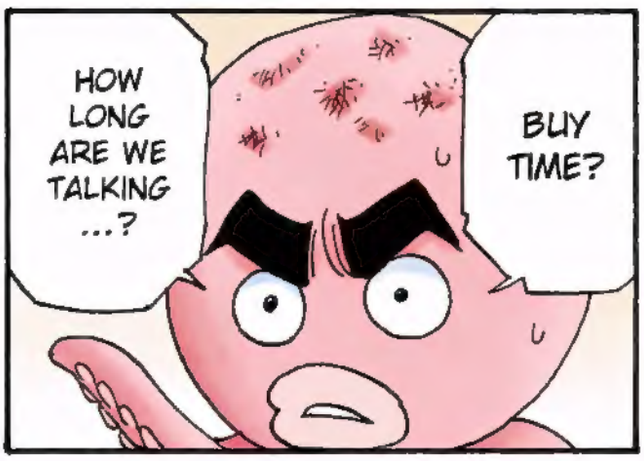
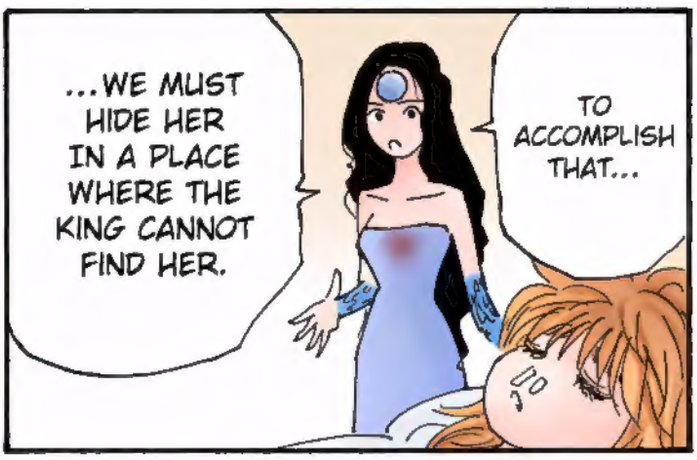

BUT I STILL DON'T SEE YOUR POINT.
YEAH.
IT SEEMS LOGICAL, SO I CAN'T ARGUE WITH THAT.


...THE KING CAN'T FIND HER WITH HIS "EN."
IF SHE'S COVERED WITH ANYTHING...


THEN...
.....!?


WE'LL OFFER TO MAKE AN EXCHANGE. BUT WE'LL TRY TO BUY AS MUCH TIME AS WE CAN.
OF COURSE NOT.
ARE YOU SUGGESTING THAT WE LET KNUCKLE AND MELEORON DIE, RATHER THAN MAKE AN EXCHANGE?!


HOW LONG ARE WE TALKING...?
BUY TIME?


...WE MUST HIDE HER IN A PLACE WHERE THE KING CANNOT FIND HER.
TO ACCOMPLISH THAT...

UNTIL THE KING IS DEAD.
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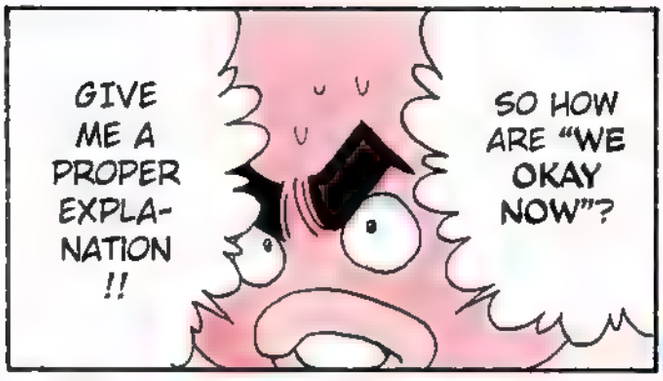
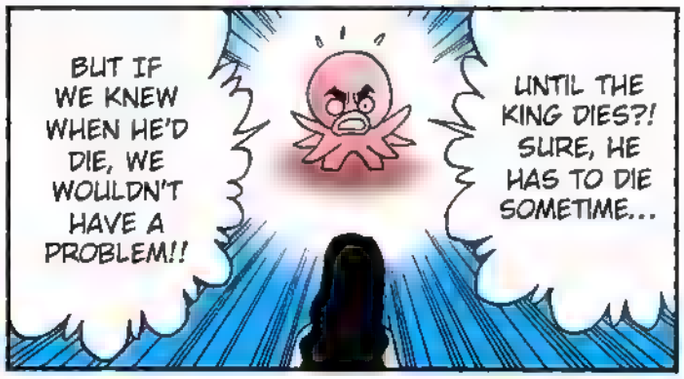
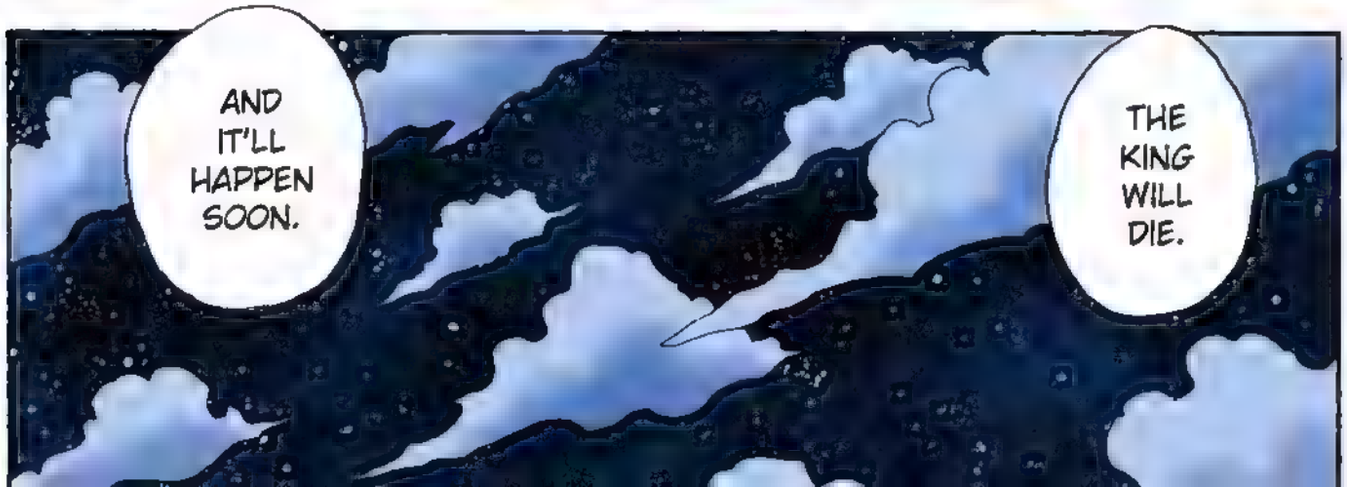
...TALKING ABOUT ?!

WHAT IS SHE...



...THE KING WILL DIE!
IN JUST A FEW HOURS...

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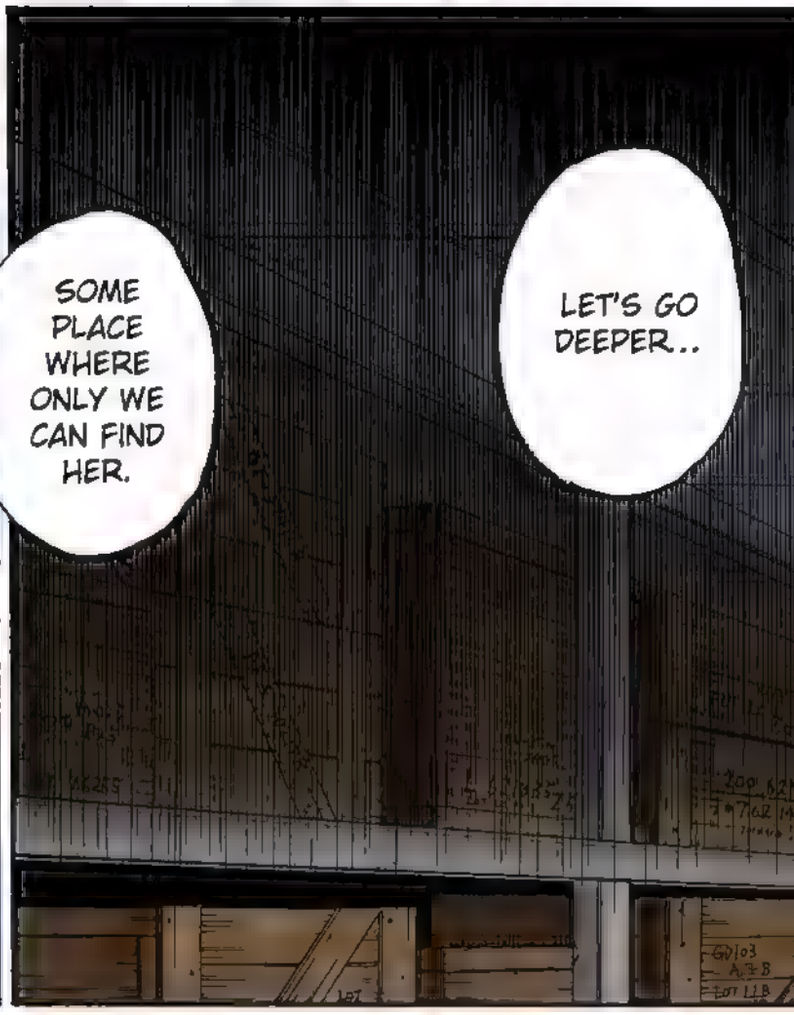
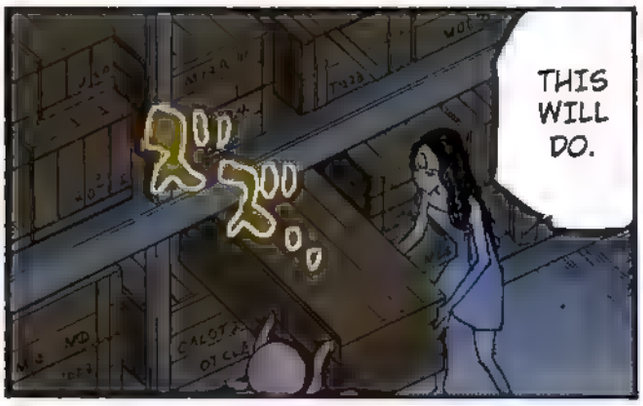
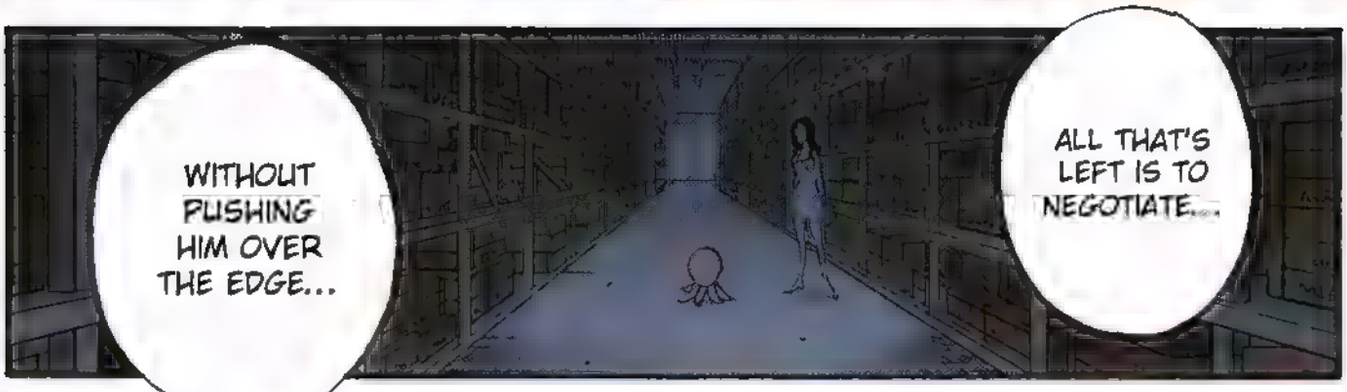
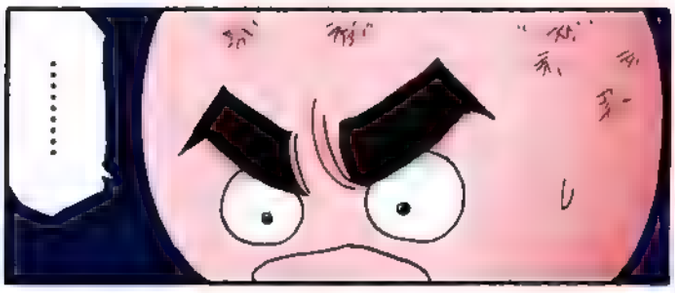

SOME PLACE WHERE ONLY WE CAN FIND HER.
LET'S GO DEEPER..


THIS WILL DO.


WITHOUT PUSHING HIM OVER THE EDGE...
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO NEGOTIATE...

I KNOW.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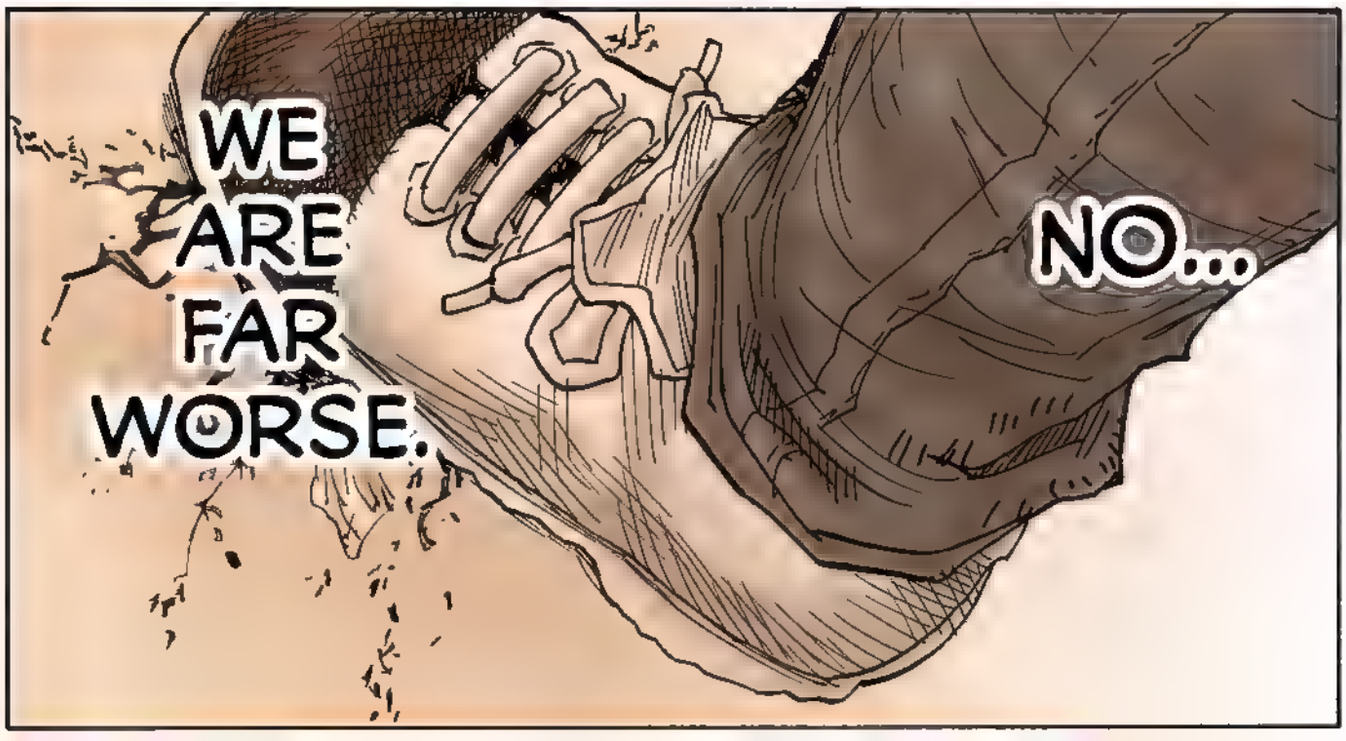
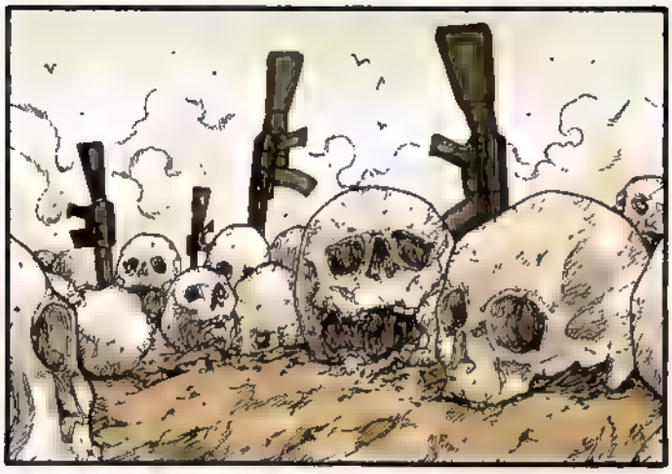
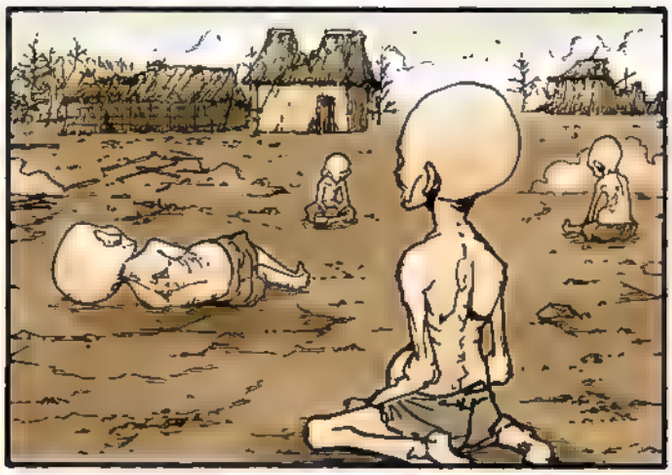
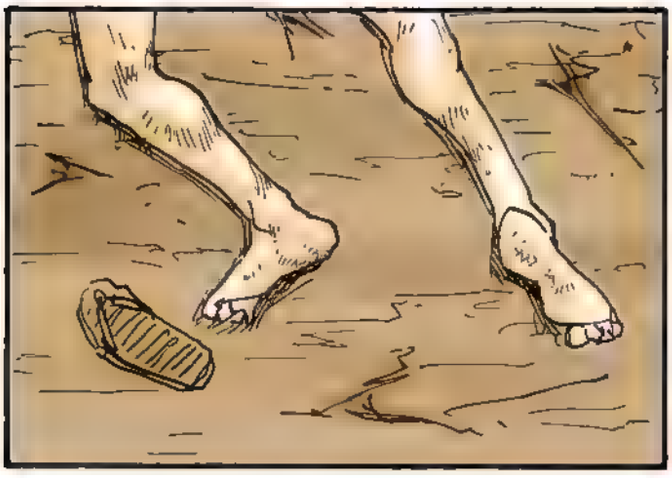
...IS CRUEL.
WHAT WE'RE DOING...

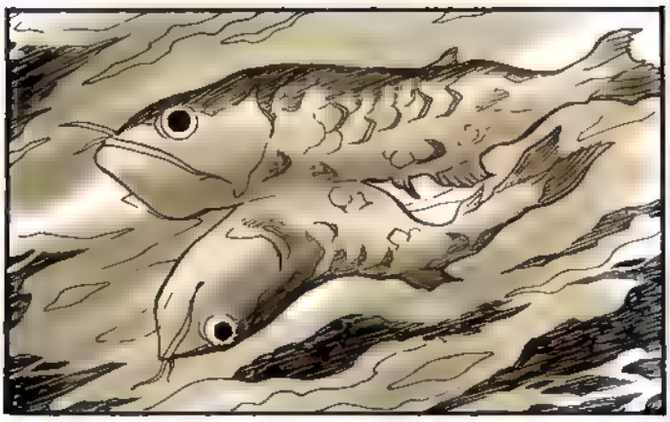
...FROM THE ANTS.
WE'RE NO DIFFERENT...

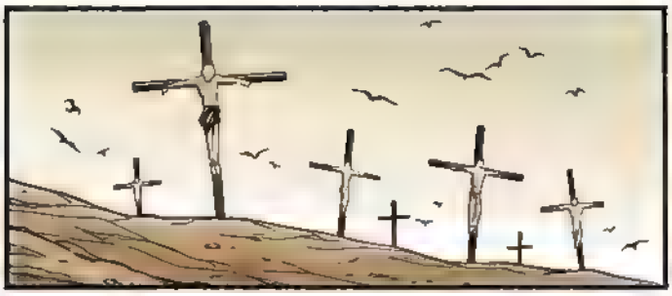

WE ARE FAR WORSE.
NO...

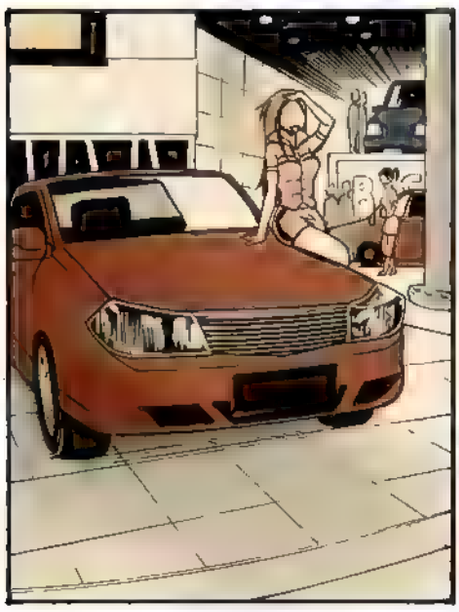


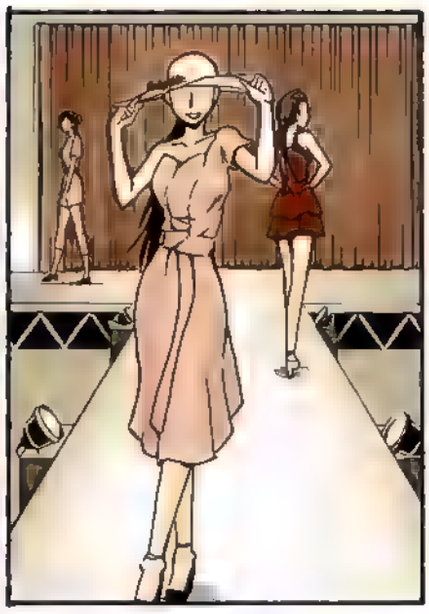


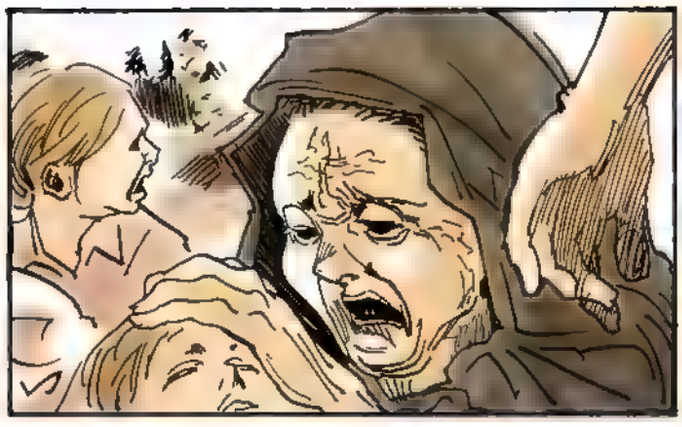




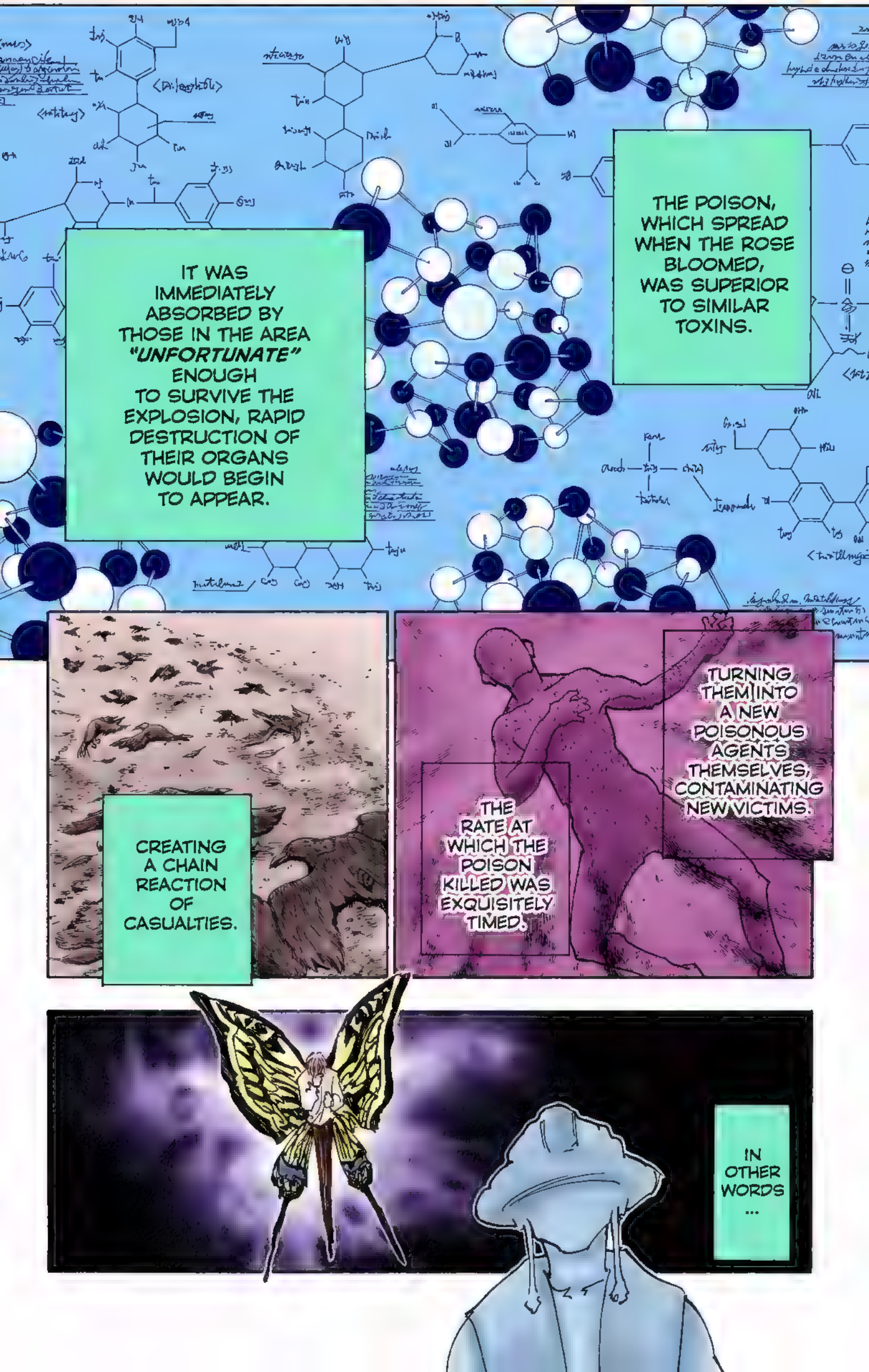




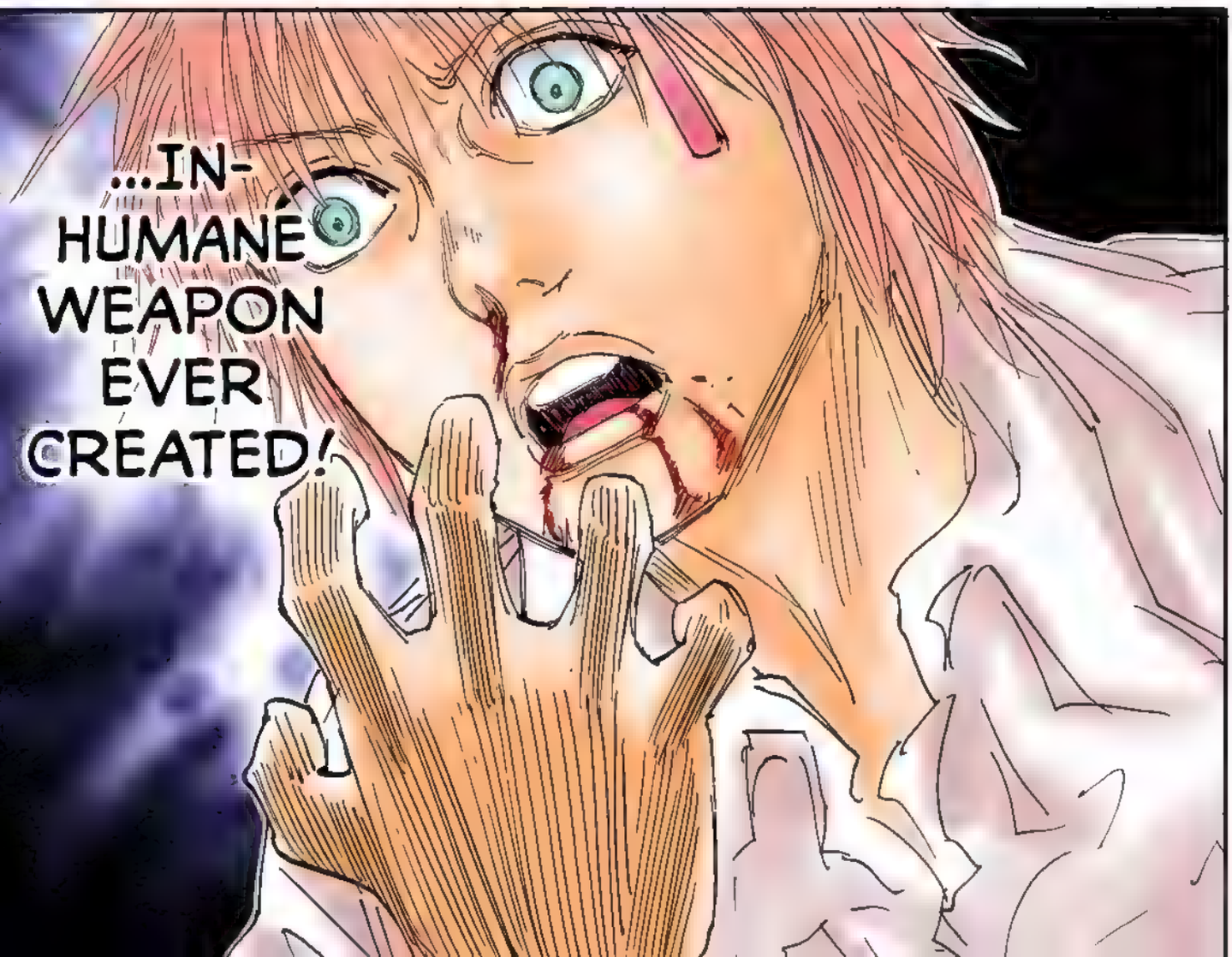


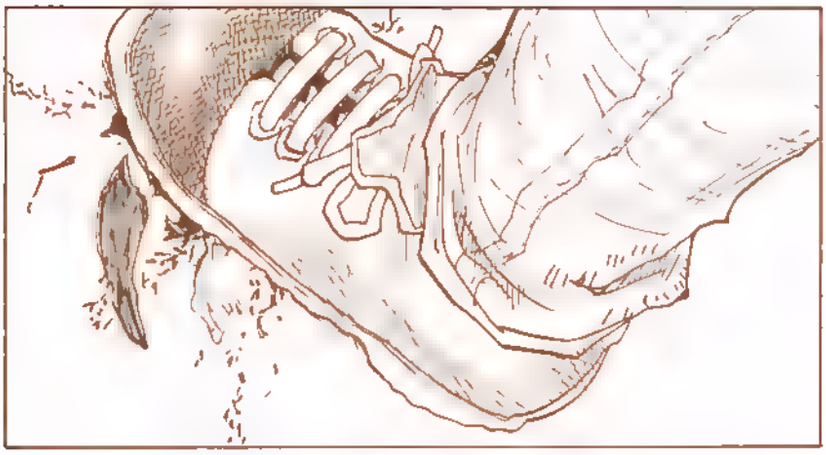


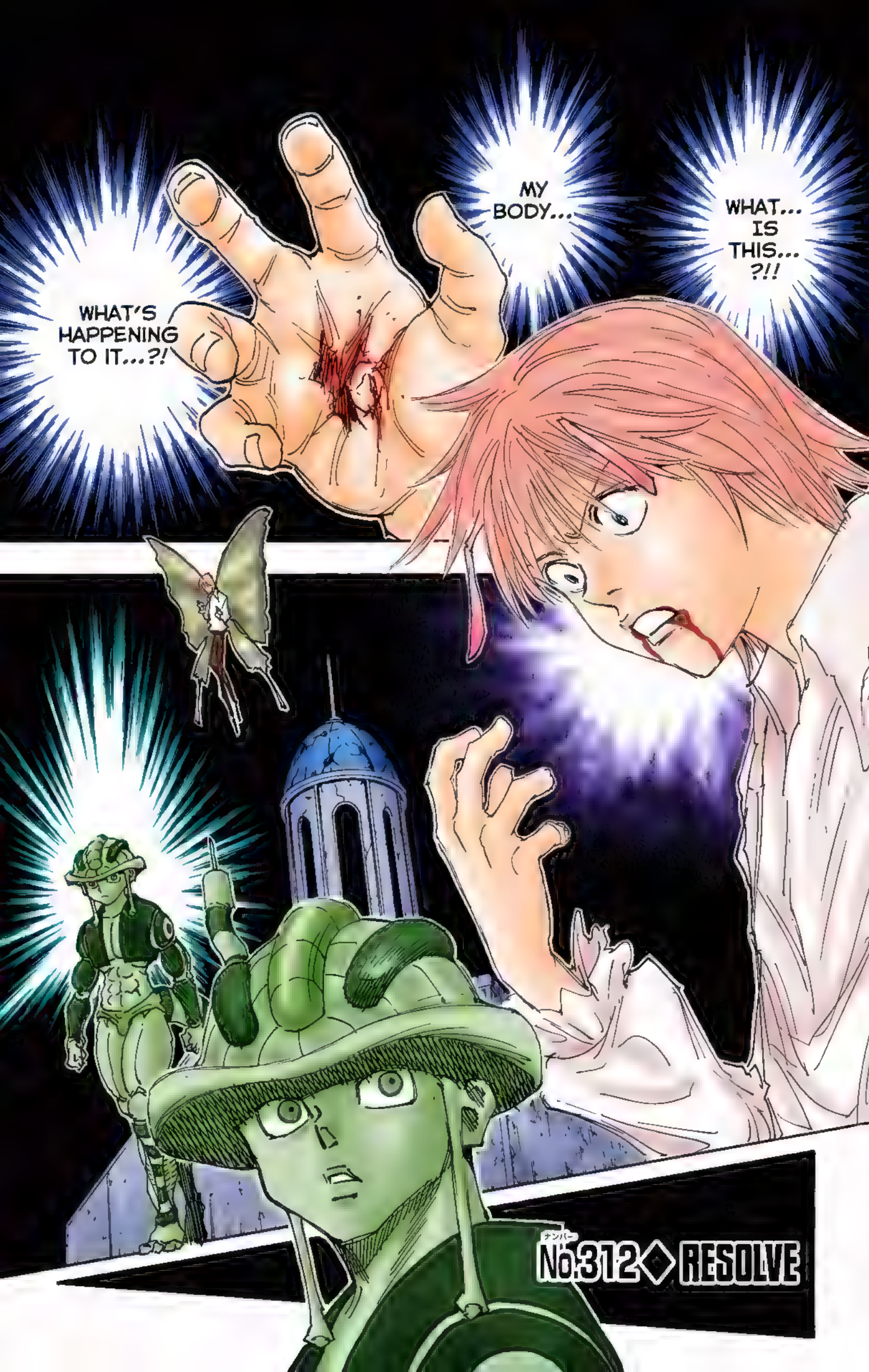
THE ROSE WAS POISONOUS.


IT WAS IMMEDIATELY ABSORBED BY THOSE IN THE AREA *"UNFORTUNATE"* ENOUGH TO SURVIVE THE EXPLOSION, RAPID DESTRUCTION OF THEIR ORGANS WOULD BEGIN TO APPEAR.
THE POISON, WHICH SPREAD WHEN THE ROSE BLOOMED, WAS SUPERIOR TO SIMILAR TOXINS.
CREATING A CHAIN REACTION OF CASUALTIES.
THE RATE AT WHICH THE POISON KILLED WAS EXQUISITELY TIMED.
TURNING THEM INTO A NEW POISONOUS AGENTS THEMSELVES, CONTAMINATING NEW VICTIMS.
IN OTHER WORDS ...

THE ULTIMATE MOST...
THERE WAS NOTHING LIKE IT...


...IN-HUMANE WEAPON EVER CREATED!




WHAT'S HAPPENING TO IT...?!
MY BODY...
WHAT... IS THIS...?!!
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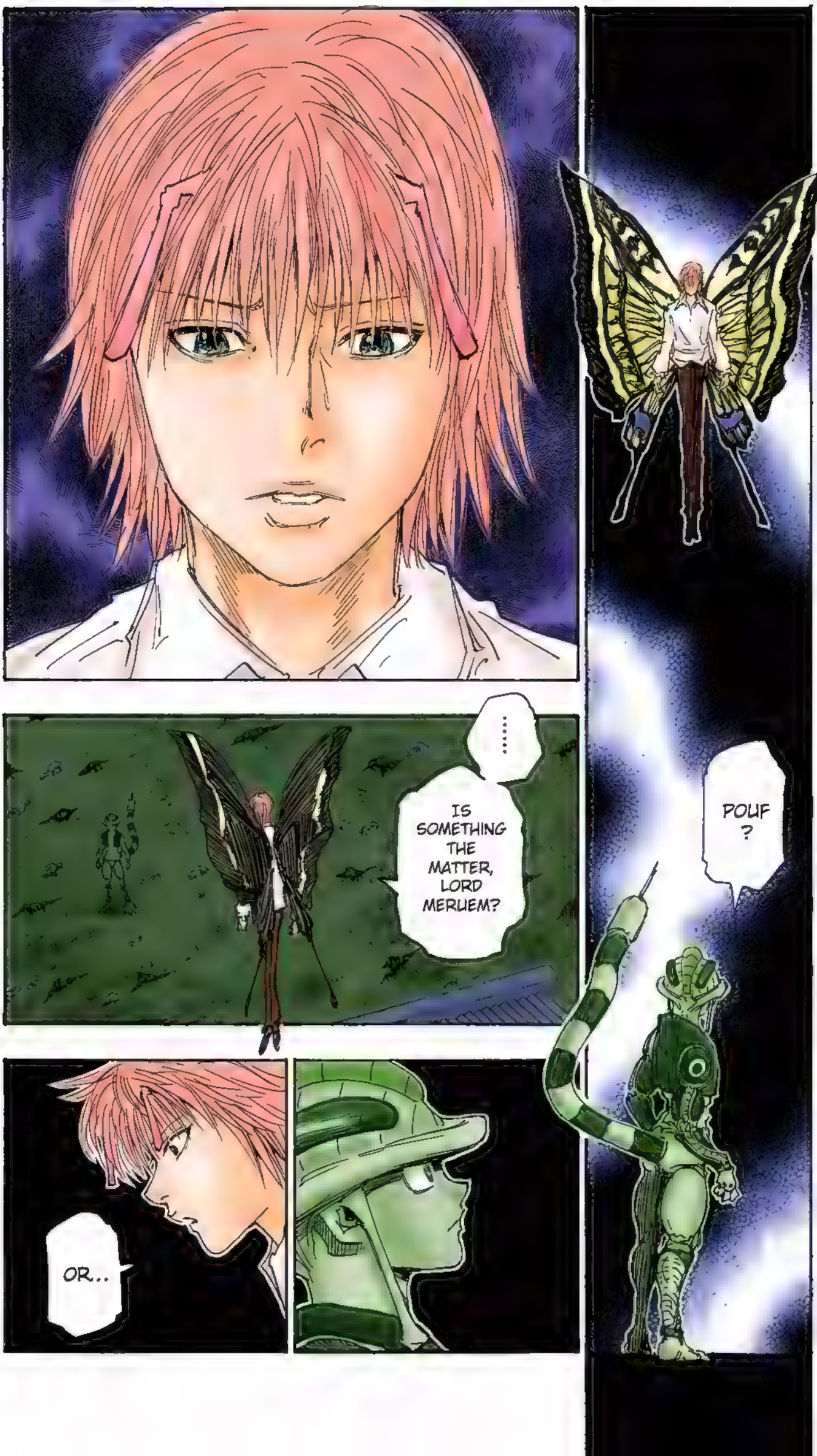
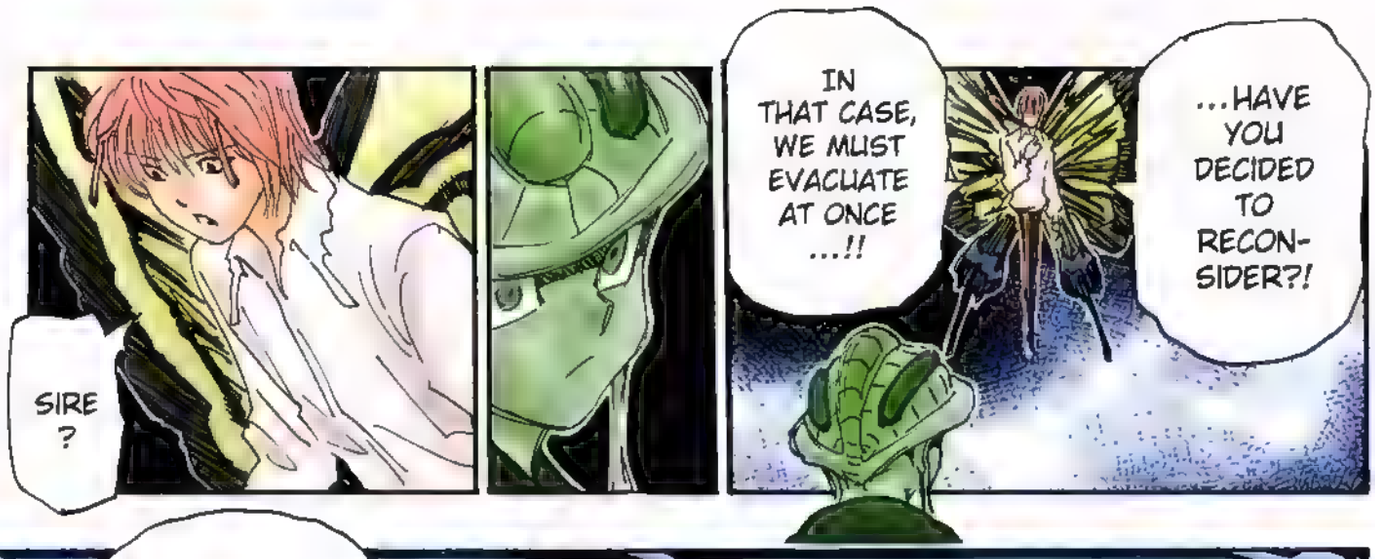
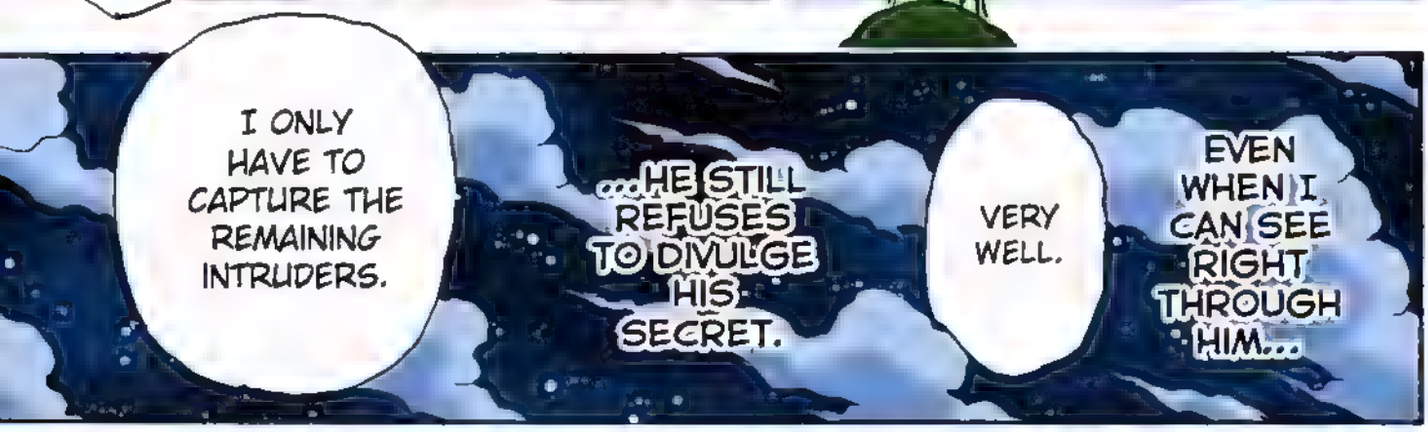
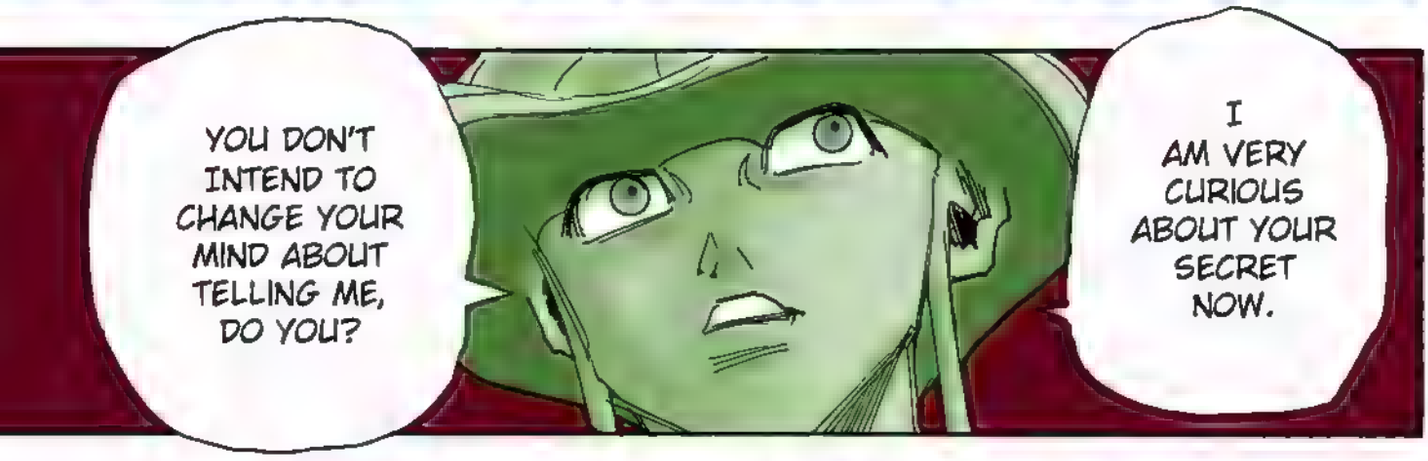

POUF ?
.....
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, LORD MERUEM?
OR...

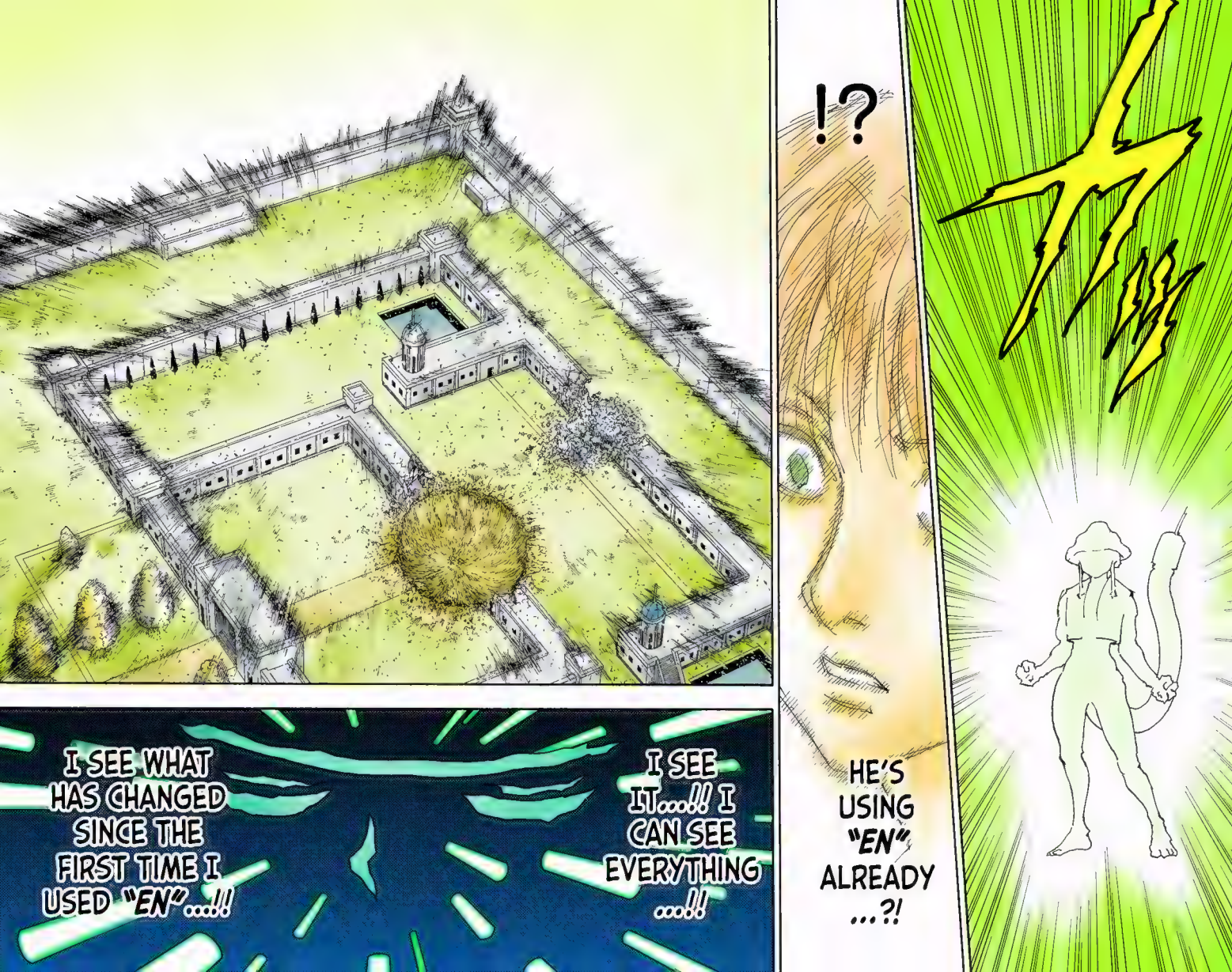

SIRE ?
IN THAT CASE, WE MUST EVACUATE AT ONCE ...!!
...HAVE YOU DECIDED TO RECON-SIDER?!


I ONLY HAVE TO CAPTURE THE REMAINING INTRUDERS.
...HE STILL REFUSES TO DIVULGE HIS SECRET.
VERY WELL.
EVEN WHEN I CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH HIM...


YOU DON'T INTEND TO CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT TELLING ME, DO YOU?
I AM VERY CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR SECRET NOW.

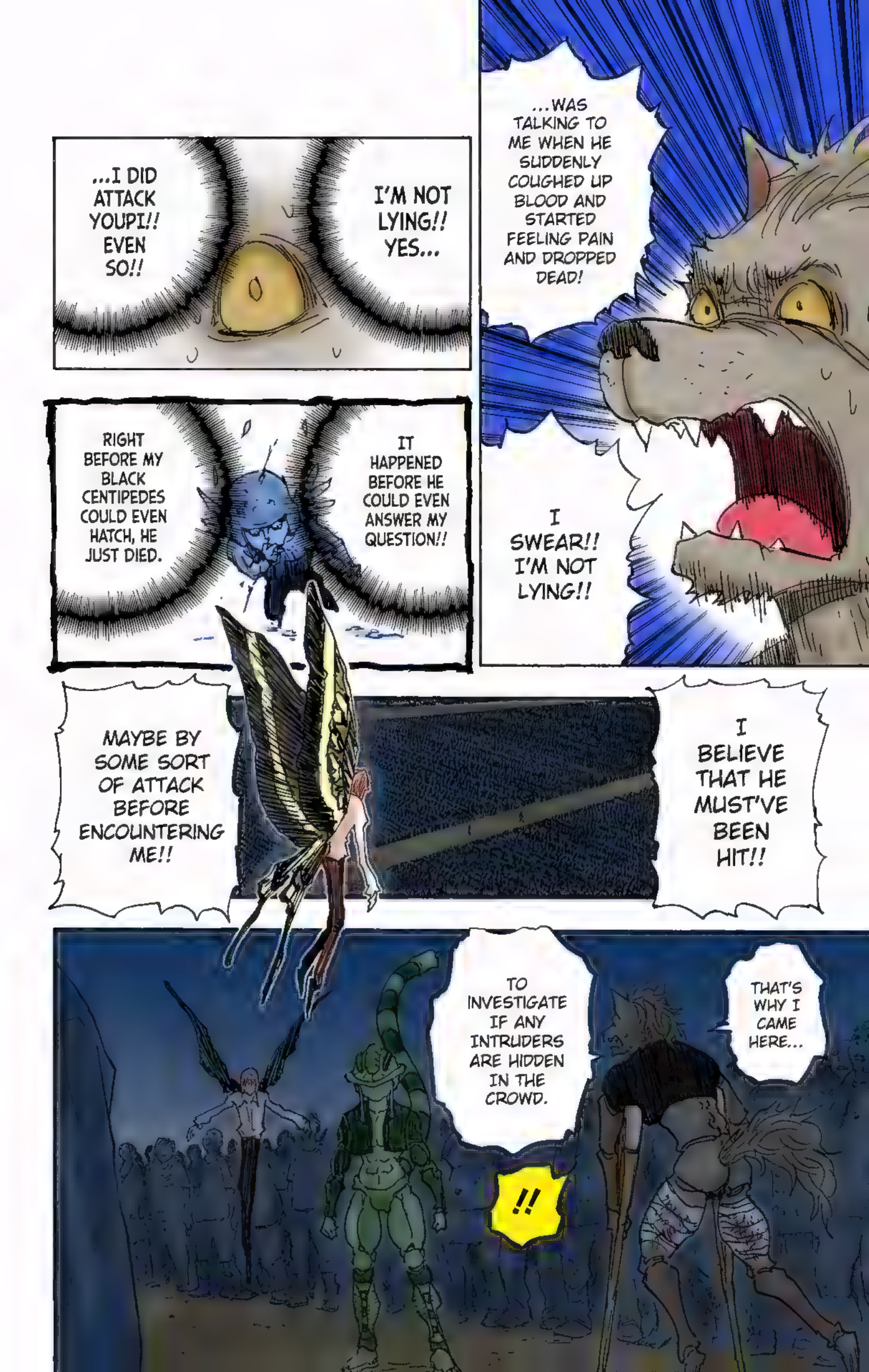
...EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY LIFE.
I'LL KEEP MY WORD...

GOOD.


I SEE WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE THE FIRST TIME I USED "EN"...!!
I SEE IT...!! I CAN SEE EVERYTHING ...!!
!?
HE'S USING "EN" ALREADY ...?!

YOUPI'S CORPSE!!
FOOT-PRINTS THAT WEREN'T THERE BEFORE!!
A DOOR THAT'S BEEN OPENED ...!!
AN ABANDONED VEHICLE!!
...WHO'S REACTING TO MY "EN"!
AND SOMEONE NEW...
!!

HUH-
WAS IT YOU THAT KILLED YOUPI?
I'M JUST A MERE SQUADRON LEADER! HOW COULD I EVER HAVE A REASON TO KILL SIR YOUPI?!
A-- ABSOLUTELY NOT!!
SIR YOUPI...


...I DID ATTACK YOUPI!! EVEN SO!!
I'M NOT LYING!! YES...
...WAS TALKING TO ME WHEN HE SUDDENLY COUGHED UP BLOOD AND STARTED FEELING PAIN AND DROPPED DEAD!
RIGHT BEFORE MY BLACK CENTIPEDES COULD EVEN HATCH, HE JUST DIED.
IT HAPPENED BEFORE HE COULD EVEN ANSWER MY QUESTION!!
I SWEAR!! I'M NOT LYING!!
MAYBE BY SOME SORT OF ATTACK BEFORE ENCOUNTERING ME!!
I BELIEVE THAT HE MUST'VE BEEN HIT!!
TO INVESTIGATE IF ANY INTRUDERS ARE HIDDEN IN THE CROWD.
THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE...
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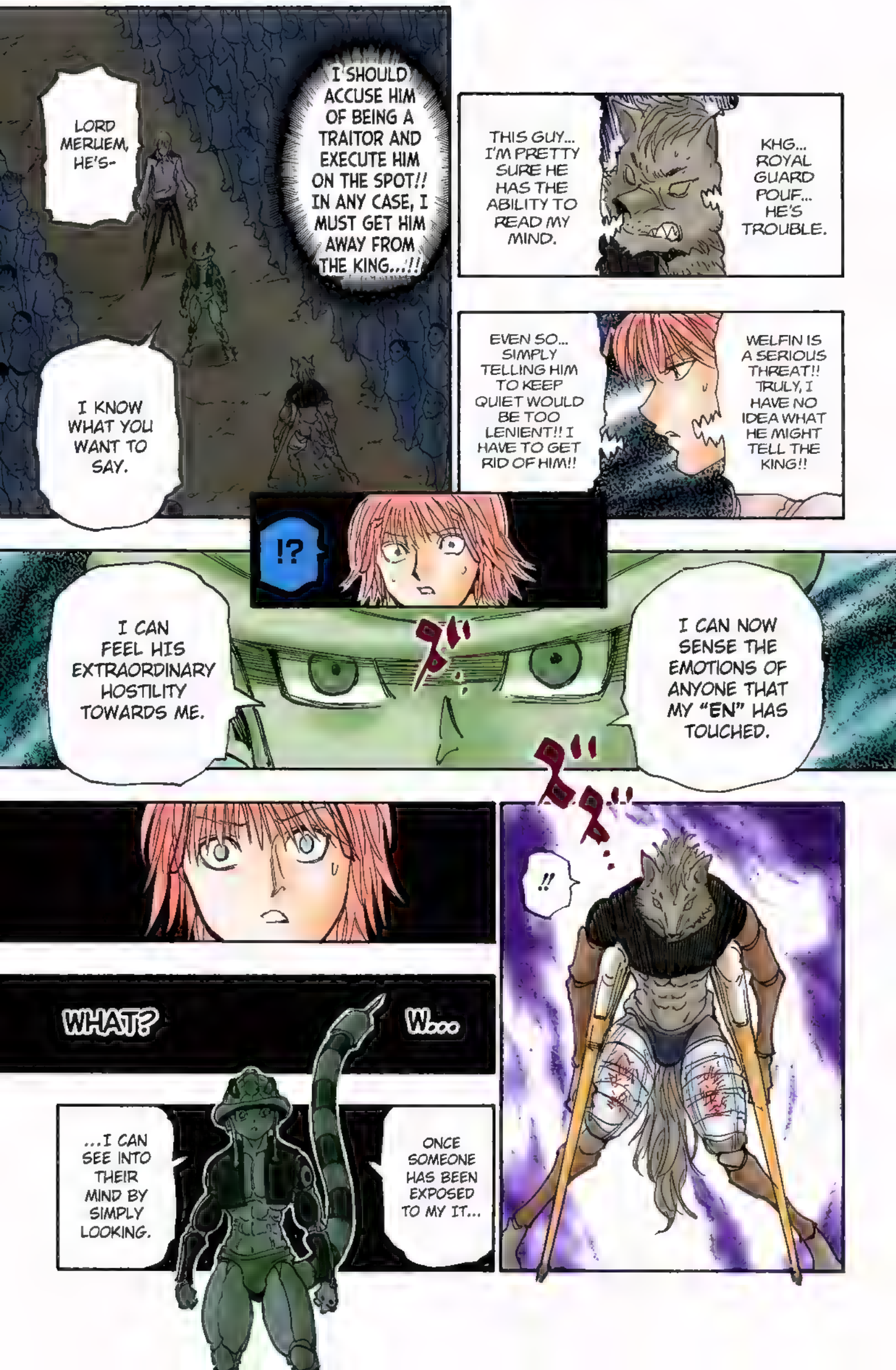
LORD MERUEM, HE'S-
I SHOULD ACCUSE HIM OF BEING A TRAITOR AND EXECUTE HIM ON THE SPOT!! IN ANY CASE, I MUST GET HIM AWAY FROM THE KING...!!
I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY.
THIS GUY... I'M PRETTY SURE HE HAS THE ABILITY TO READ MY MIND.
KHG... ROYAL GUARD POUF... HE'S TROUBLE.
EVEN SO... SIMPLY TELLING HIM TO KEEP QUIET WOULD BE TOO LENIENT!! I HAVE TO GET RID OF HIM!!
WELFIN IS A SERIOUS THREAT!! TRULY, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HE MIGHT TELL THE KING!!
!?
I CAN FEEL HIS EXTRAORDINARY HOSTILITY TOWARDS ME.
I CAN NOW SENSE THE EMOTIONS OF ANYONE THAT MY "EN" HAS TOUCHED.
!!
WHAT?
W...
...I CAN SEE INTO THEIR MIND BY SIMPLY LOOKING.
ONCE SOMEONE HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO MY IT...

AND HE'S MADE IT INFINITELY MORE POWERFUL ...!!!
SO IT WASN'T JUST YOUPI'S WINGS AND ATTACKS. THE KING ALSO INHERITED MY SPIRITUAL MESSAGE ...!!
SIRE !!!
WHY DOES MY HEART FILL THIS WAY?!
AND YET...!! WHY ...?!
THE KING IS INVINCIBLE!! THE KING IS UNRIVALED!!

...OVER-WHELMING ANXIETY ?!
WHY IS IT FILLED WITH...
LIE AND YOU WILL REGRET IT.
SPEAK.
AS WELL AS YOUR ANGER FOR ME...! I AM INTERESTED IN WHAT DRIVES YOUR HATRED OF ME.
NOW, THERE IS SOME FEAR MIXED IN, BUT THERE IS NO CONCEALING YOUR MALICE SURGING TOWARDS ME.

LORD MERUEM !!
I'LL TELL YOU THE TRUTH...
THIS IS NO TIME TO LET MY EMOTIONS GET THE BETTER OF ME!!
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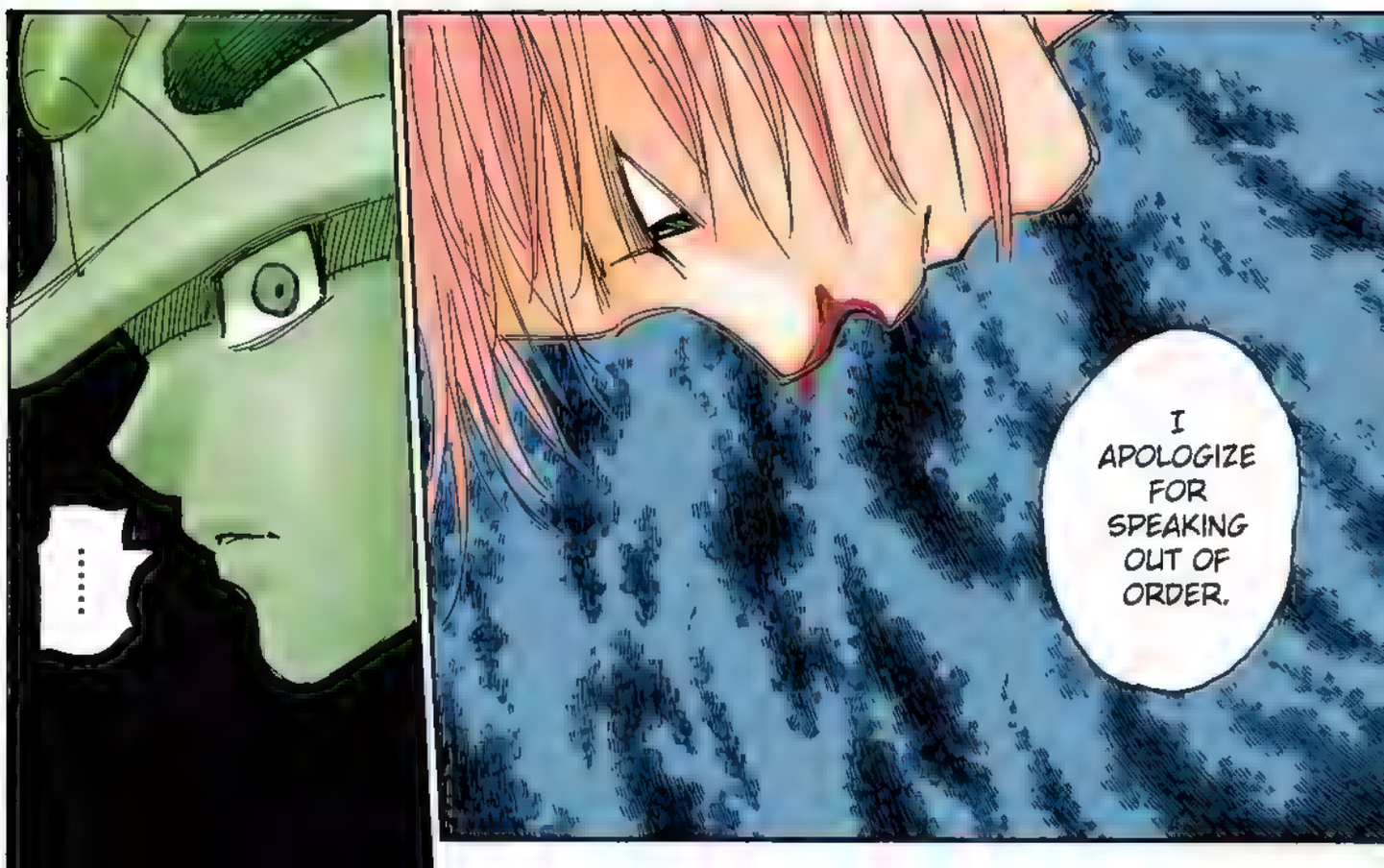
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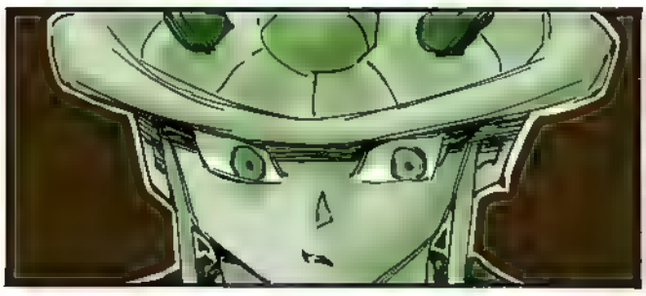
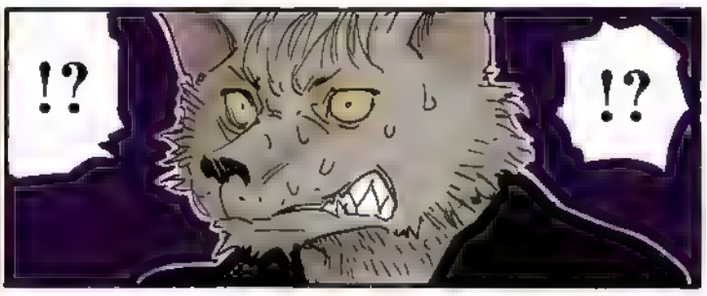
I APOLOGIZE FOR SPEAKING OUT OF ORDER.

HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT REALIZE THIS.
BUT HE'S DEEPLY INVOLVED IN MY SECRET.

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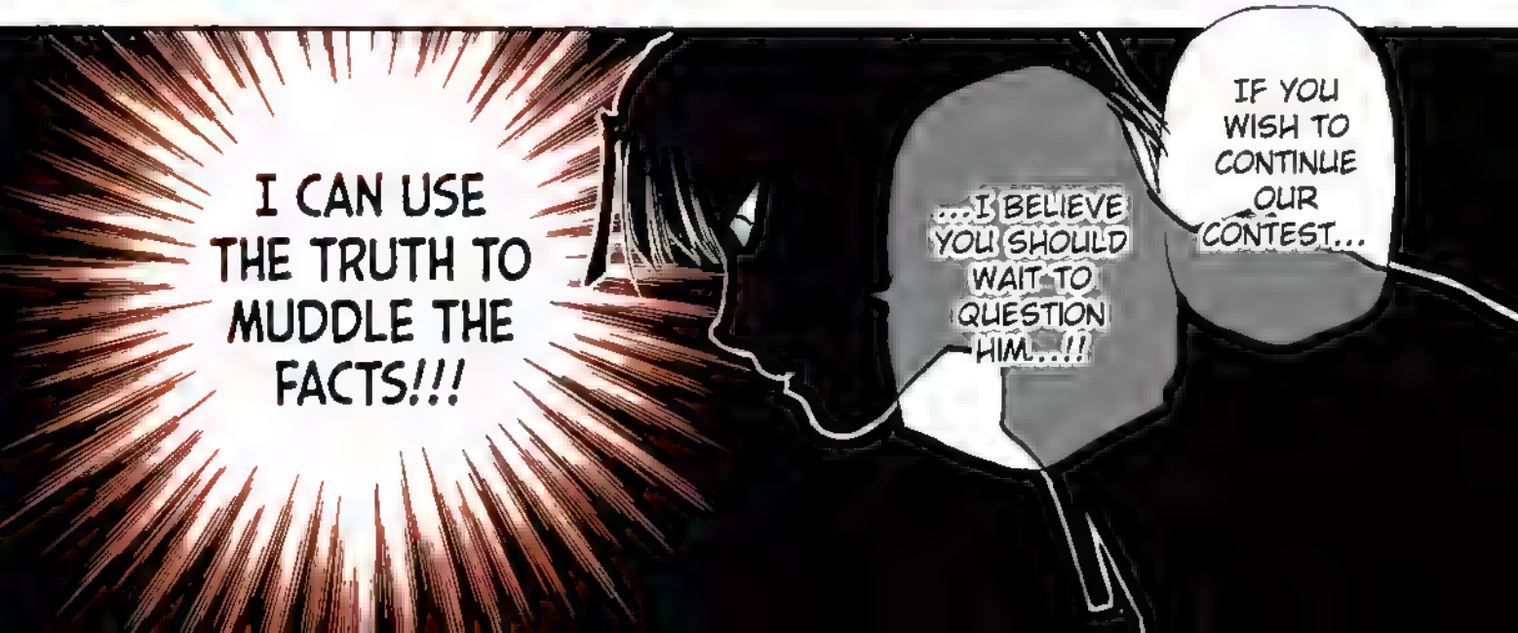
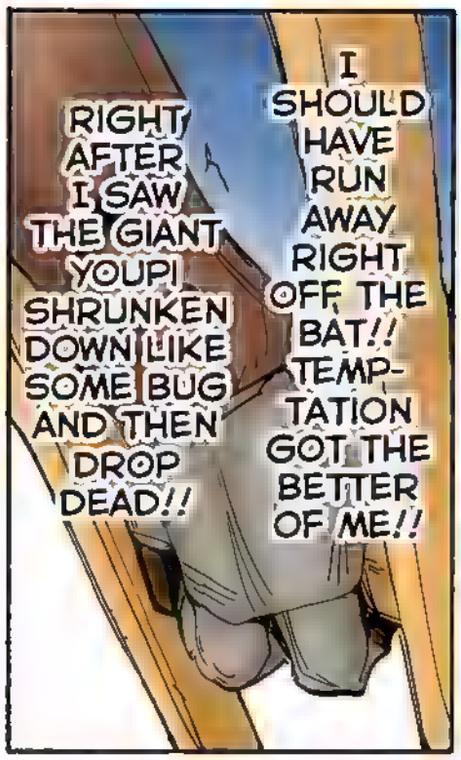
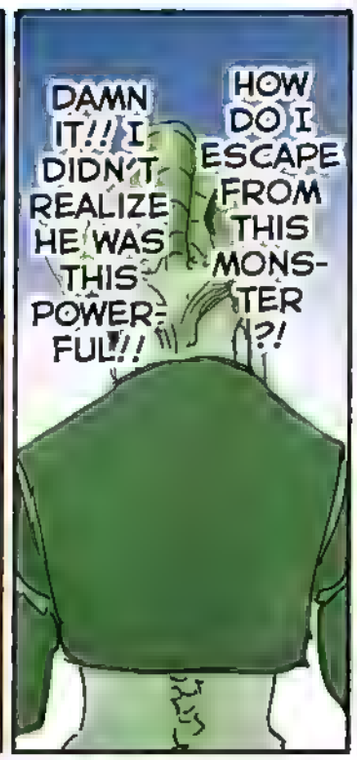
THEN I MUST USE THE TRUTH!!
I BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD NOT WANT YOUR REWARD BEFORE WINNING THE CONTEST.
WHEN THE KING HAS SUCH POWERS, LIES ARE FUTILE ...!!
...IT'S VERY LIKELY THAT HE WILL REVEAL PART OR ALL OF MY SECRET.
IF YOU CONTINUE QUESTIONING TO HIM..


I CAN USE THE TRUTH TO MUDDLE THE FACTS!!!
...I BELIEVE YOU SHOULD WAIT TO QUESTION HIM...!!
IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE OUR CONTEST...



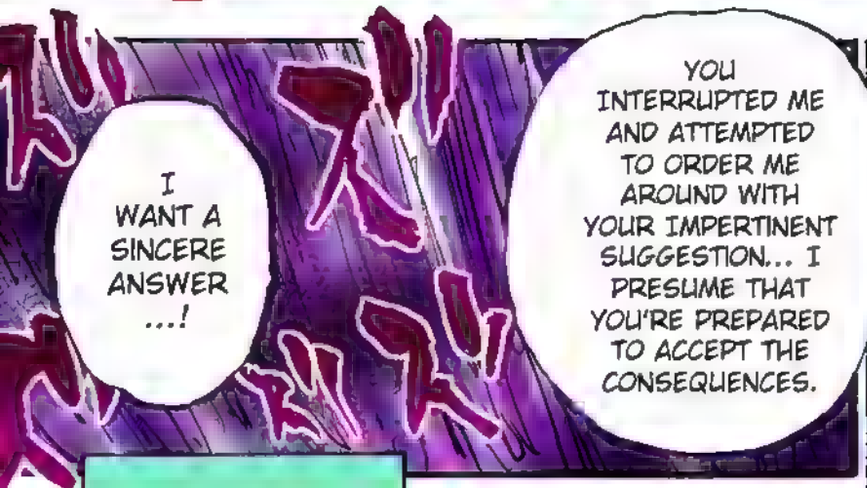
THAT'S IT!! I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!! I GOT TOO CAUGHT UP!! TOO MANY THINGS HAPPENED SIMULTANEOUSLY AND THEN I REMEMBERED GYRO. I PANICKED AND GOT SENTIMENTAL AND WANTED TO BE A HERO!!

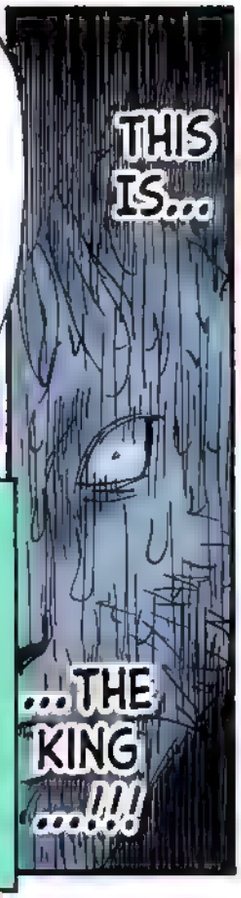
I KINDA HAD THE DELUSION THAT I COULD TAKE ON THE KING!! THAT'S WHY I STAYED!! I WAS DRUNK ON MY DELUSION!! I FELT ALMIGHTY, LIKE SOME SHELTERED LITTLE KID!! I FELT ALIVE!!

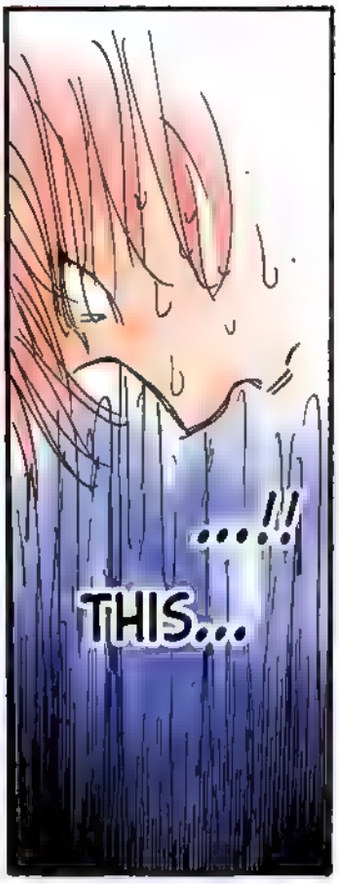
I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING...!! HE KNOWS MY INTENT IS HOSTILE!! SO I CAN'T LIE!! HE'LL SEND MY HEAD FLYING BEFORE I CAN ACTIVATE "*MISSILE MAN*"!! WAS I BEING USED?! WHAT TOOLS DO I HAVE LEFT?! THE MESSAGE?! POUF'S SECRET?! THE ROOT OF MY HATRED?! EVERYTHING THAT I KNOW?! WHAT ABOUT ME BY MOBILIZING ALL OF THIS?! WILL IT BE ENOUGH TO SAVE ME?! WHAT DO I SAY?!

DAMN IT, IT'S THAT OCTOPUS' FAULT!! HE THREW ME OFF MY GAME!! HE THREW MY EMOTIONS OUT OF WHACK!! HE LED ME ASTRAY!! DAMN HIM!! MESSENGER

I THOUGHT I COULD AVENGE GYRO!! BUT GYRO ISN'T EVEN DEAD!! HE'S ALIVE FOR SURE!! I SHOULD HAVE RAN AND TEAMED UP WITH HIM AGAIN BEFORE SEEKING REVENGE!!

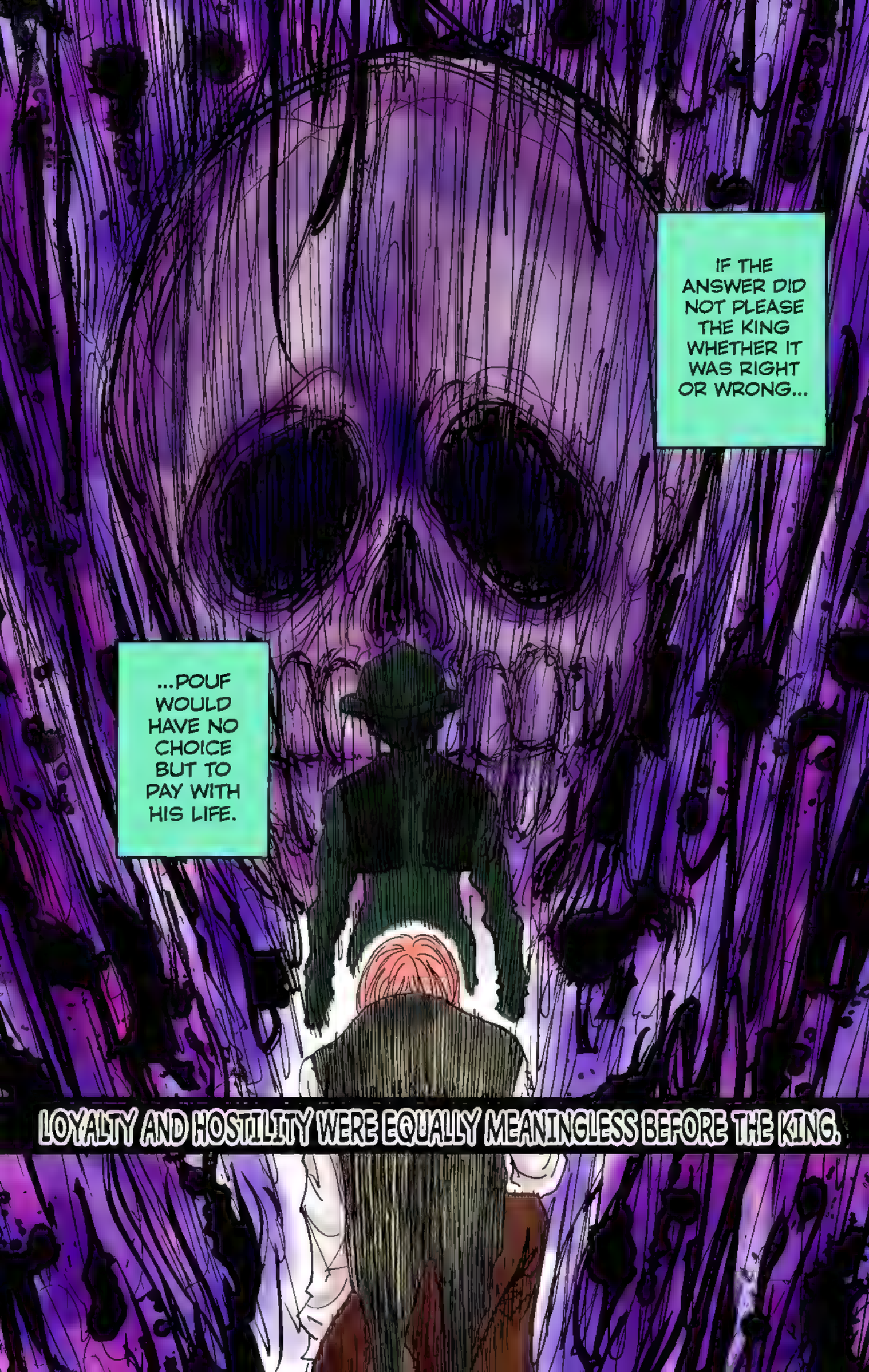


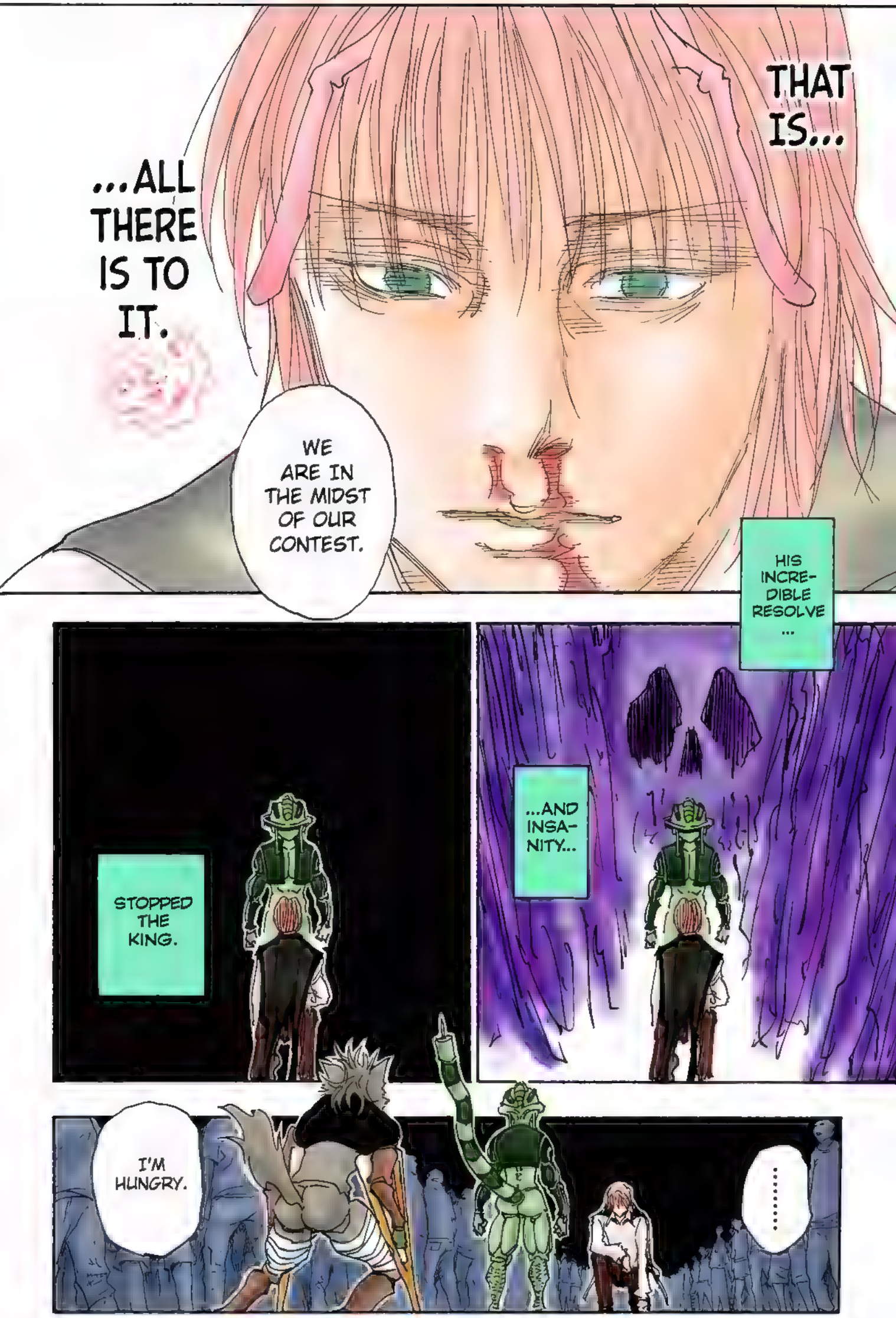




DESPITE UNDERSTANDING THAT HE HAD POUF'S ABSOLUTE DEVOTION, HIS OMINOUS DEATHLY AURA SHOWED HIS INTENT.

THE KING'S NEW POWER MEANT THAT HE COULD PROBE FOR THE ANSWER HE SOUGHT WITHOUT WAITING FOR POUF TO SPEAK.


IF THE ANSWER DID NOT PLEASE THE KING WHETHER IT WAS RIGHT OR WRONG...
...POUF WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO PAY WITH HIS LIFE.
LOYALTY AND HOSTILITY WERE EQUALLY MEANINGLESS BEFORE THE KING.

PREPARED TO DIE AT THAT MOMENT.
I WAS... ALREADY...
I'VE...
I WILL SACRIFICE MYSELF...
EVEN THEN...
NO ONE CAN STOP HIM ...!!
JUST ONE WORD!
THAT CAN SAVE ME!!!
...TO MY OWN LOYALTY.
...GOT NO WORDS TO SAY.


THAT IS...
...ALL THERE IS TO IT.
WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF OUR CONTEST.
HIS INCRE-DIBLE RESOLVE ...
...AND INSA-NITY...
STOPPED THE KING.
I'M HUNGRY.
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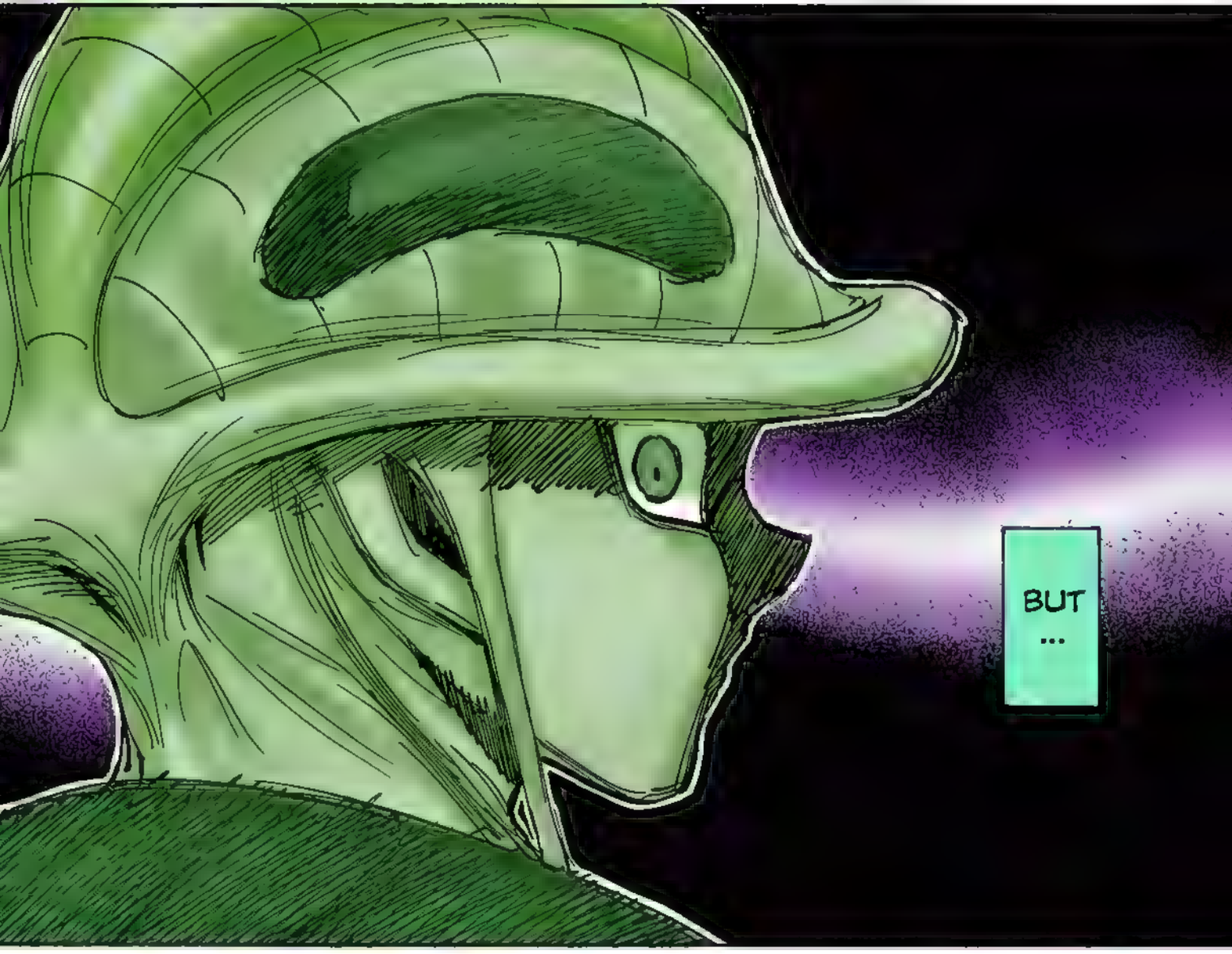
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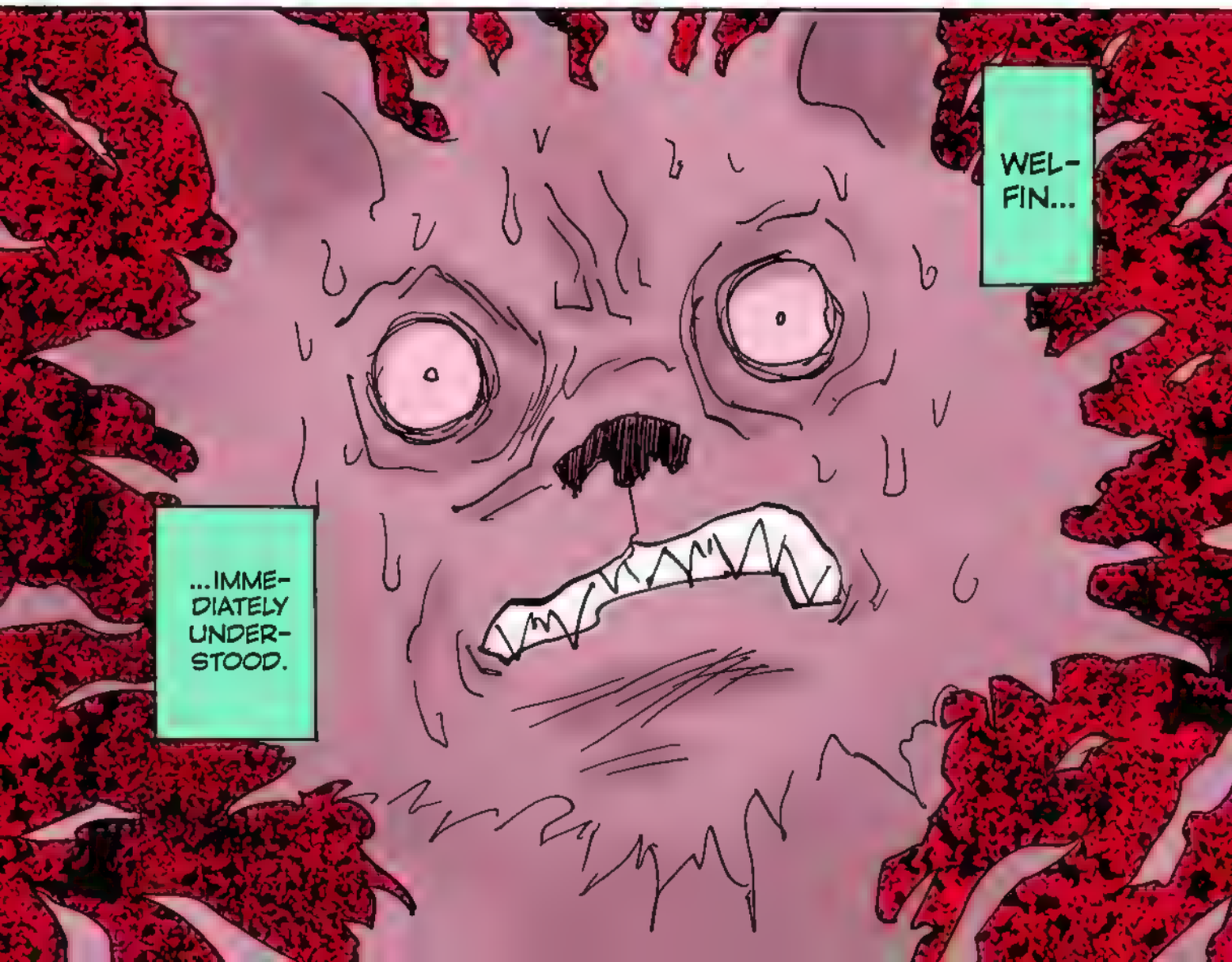
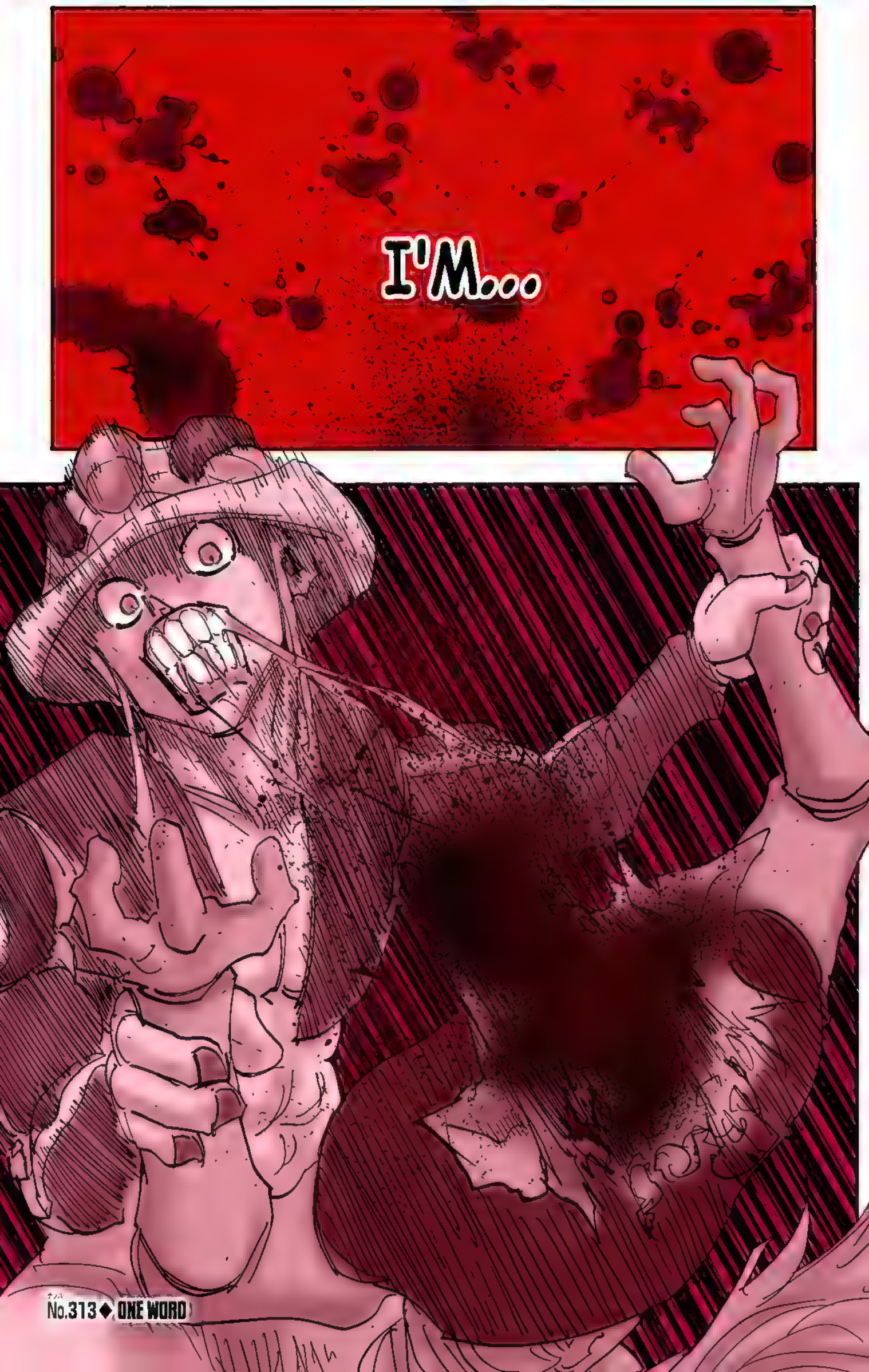

WEL-FIN...
...IMME-DIATELY UNDER-STOOD.


I'M...

ONE SECOND FROM NOW.
I'M GOING TO BE EATEN ALIVE!
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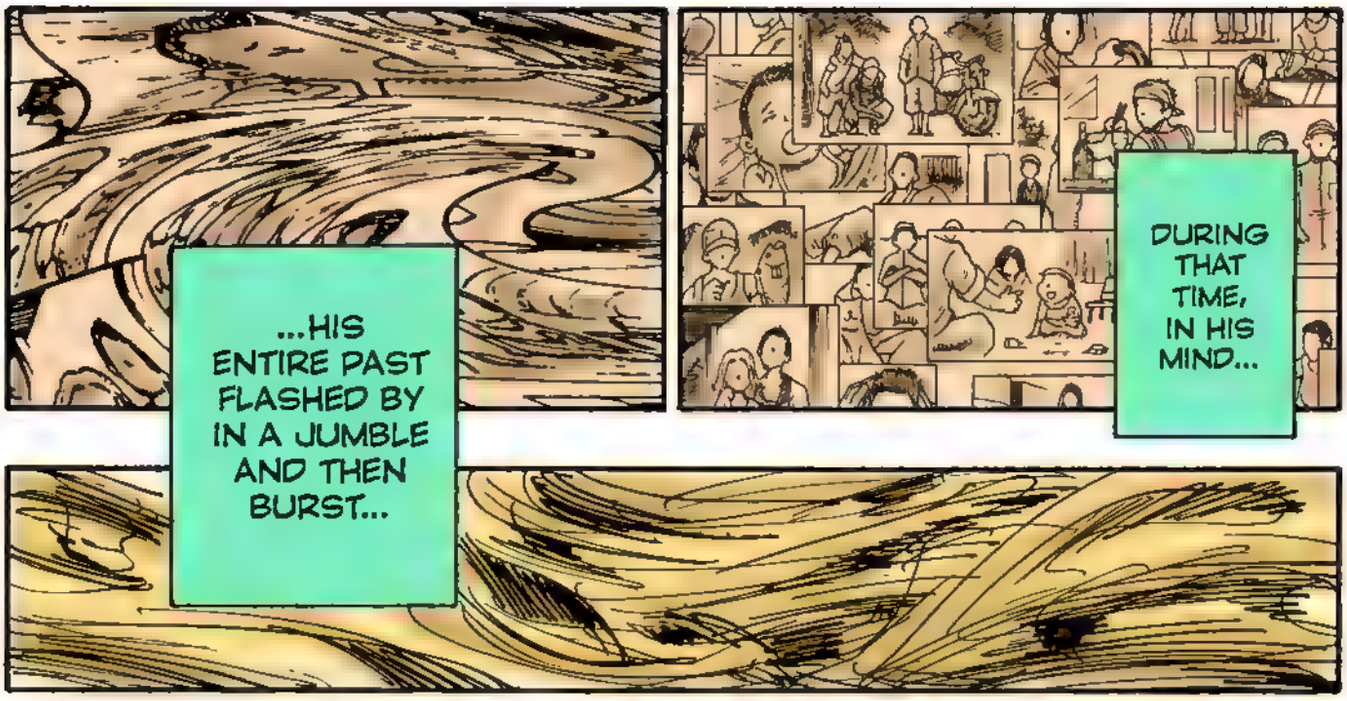
I WANT TO LIVE.

I'M GOING TO DIE!

...WELFIN'S FEATURES AGED AS IF ONE HUNDRED YEARS HAD PASSED.

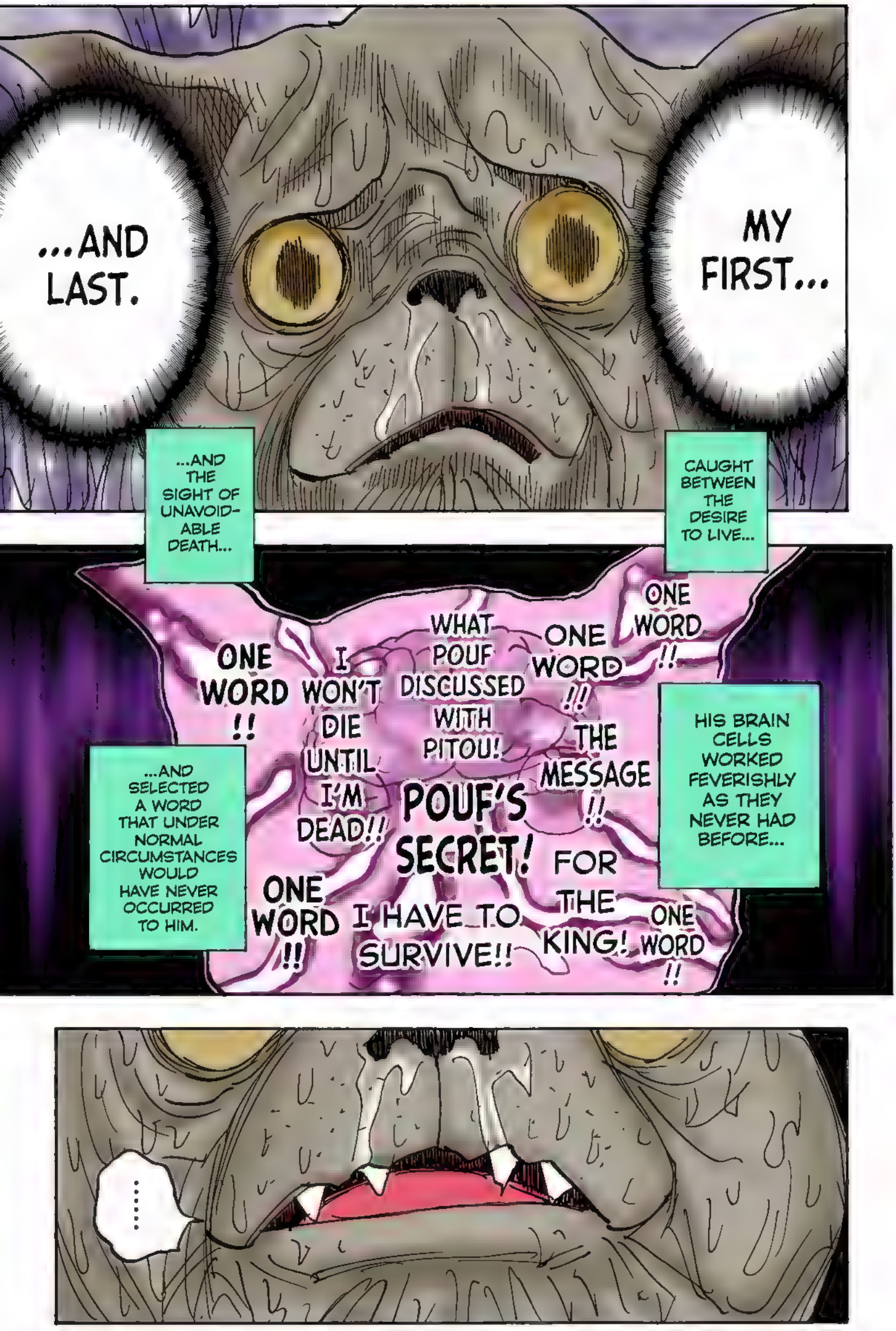
REALIZING HIS OWN FUTURE...




...WITH THE PRESENT.

ONE WORD!

...AND BLEN-DED...


...AND LAST.
MY FIRST...
...AND THE SIGHT OF UNAVOID-ABLE DEATH...
CAUGHT BETWEEN THE DESIRE TO LIVE...
ONE WORD !!
I WON'T DIE UNTIL I'M DEAD!!
WHAT POUF DISCUSSED WITH PITOU!
ONE WORD !!
ONE WORD !!
THE MESSAGE !!
POUF'S SECRET!
FOR THE KING!
ONE WORD !!
I HAVE TO SURVIVE!!
ONE WORD !!
...AND SELECTED A WORD THAT UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD HAVE NEVER OCCURRED TO HIM.
HIS BRAIN CELLS WORKED FEVERISHLY AS THEY NEVER HAD BEFORE...
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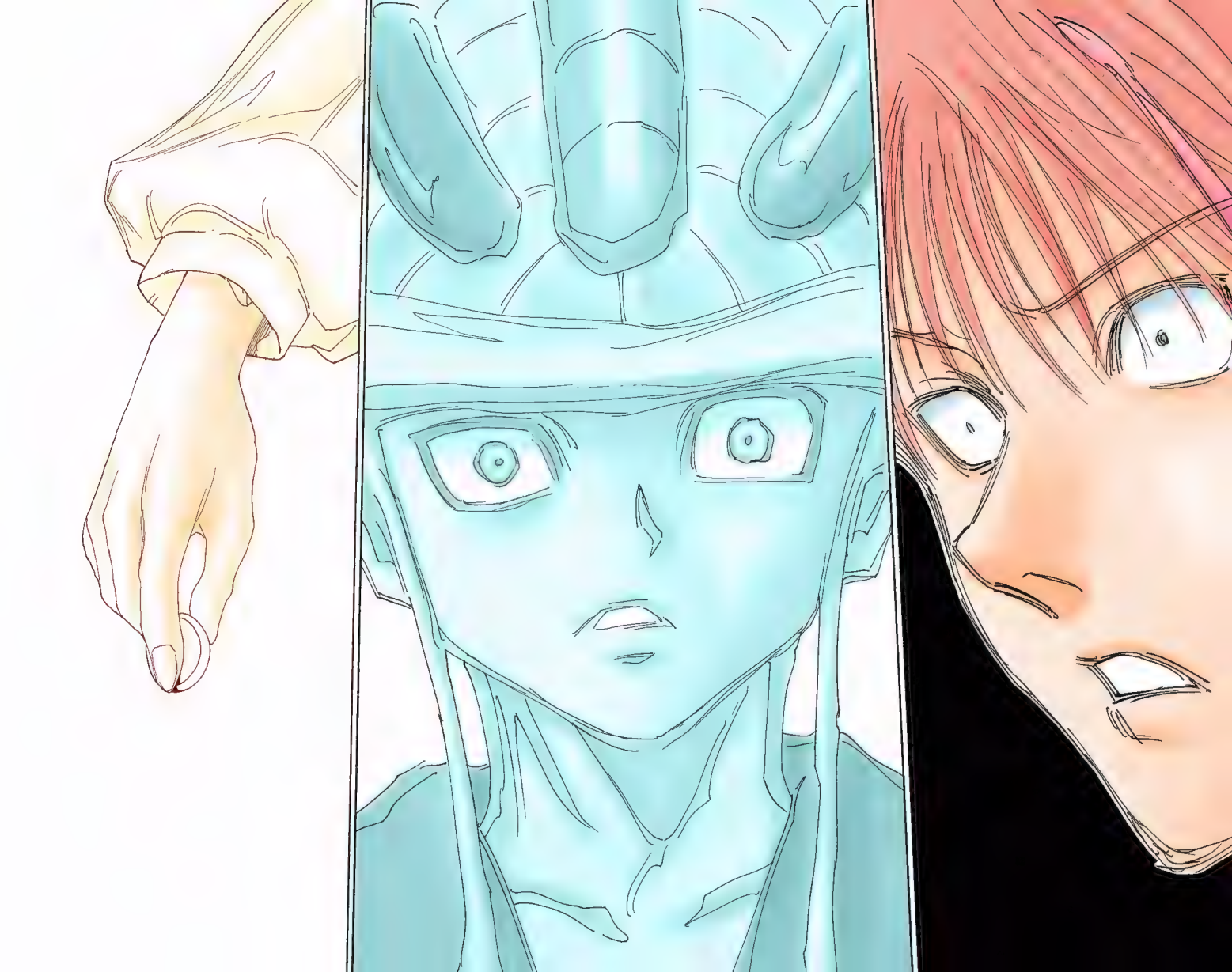
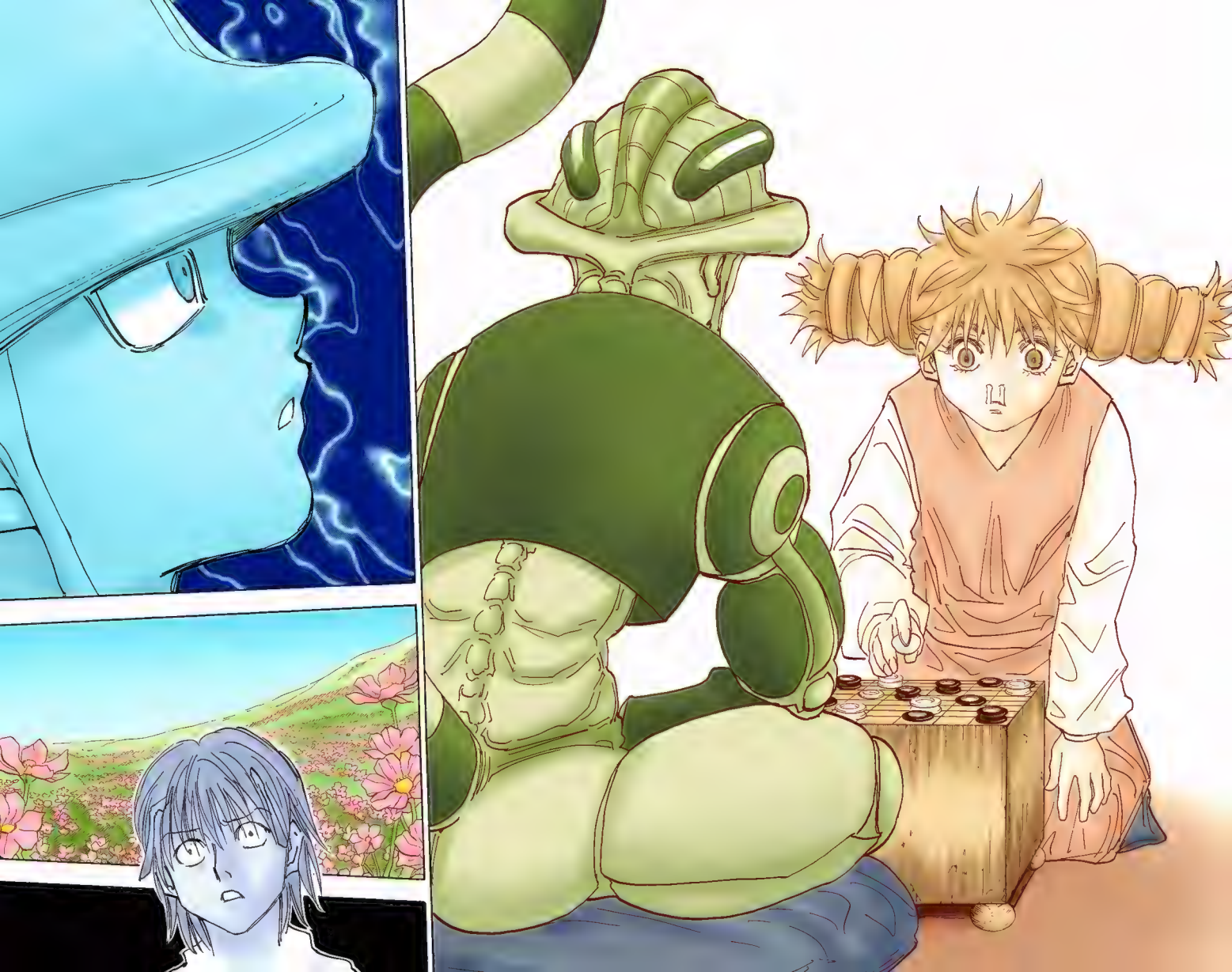
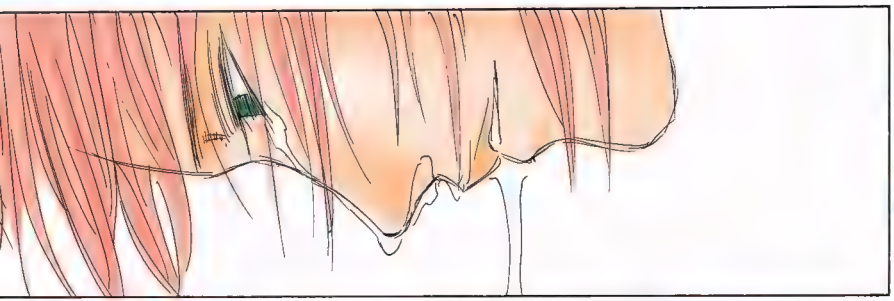
KOMUGI
...?

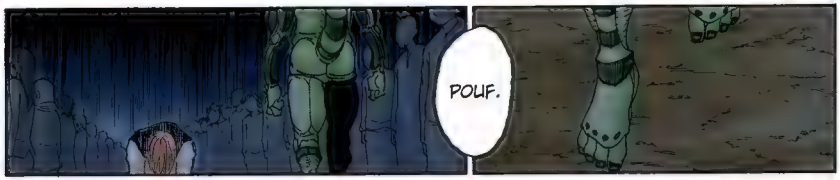


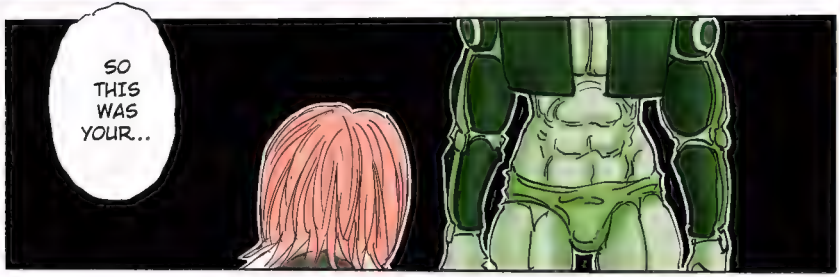


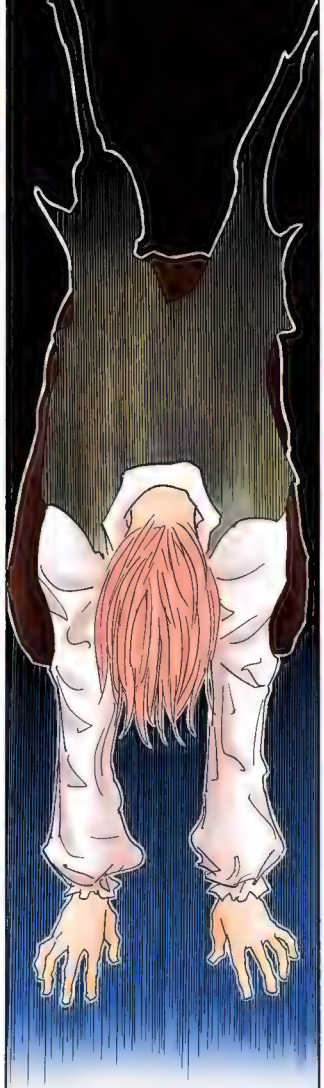
HE CARES FOR HER...

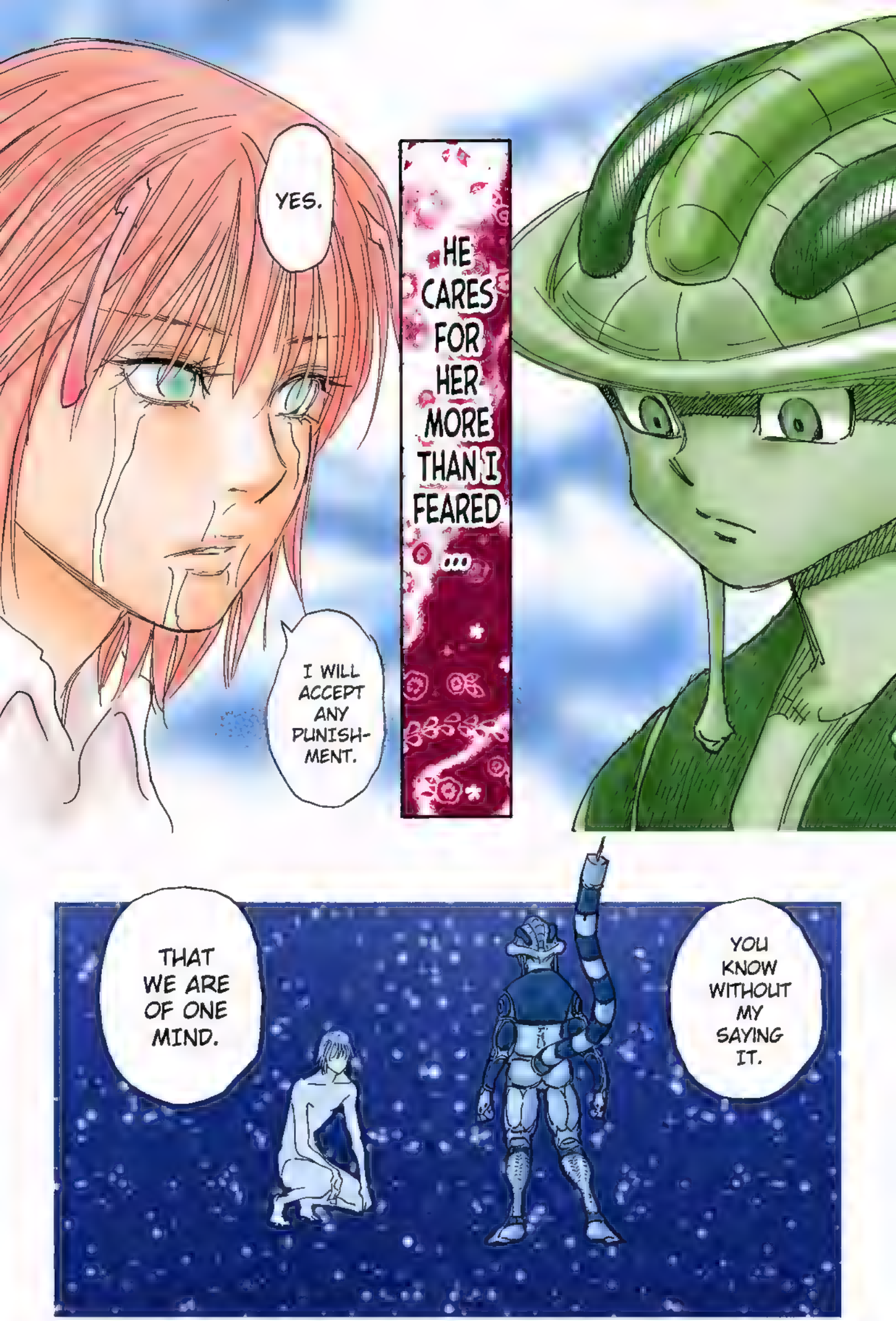
THIS IS HOW DEEPLY...





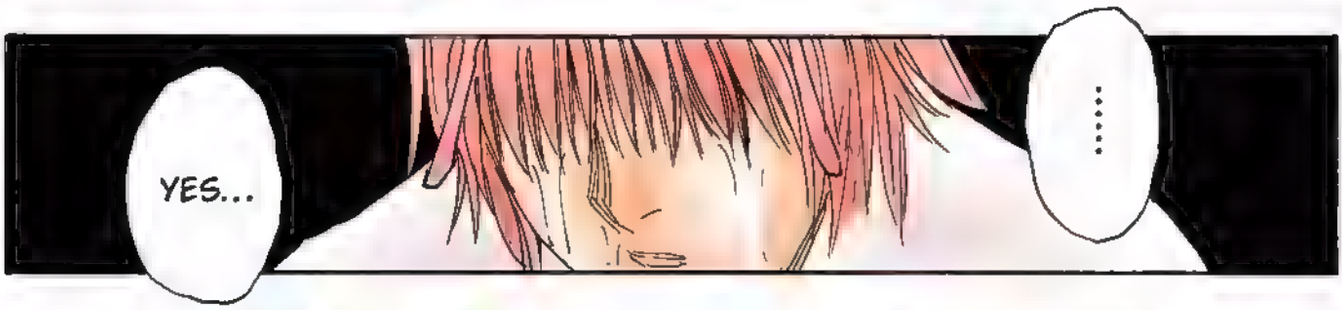



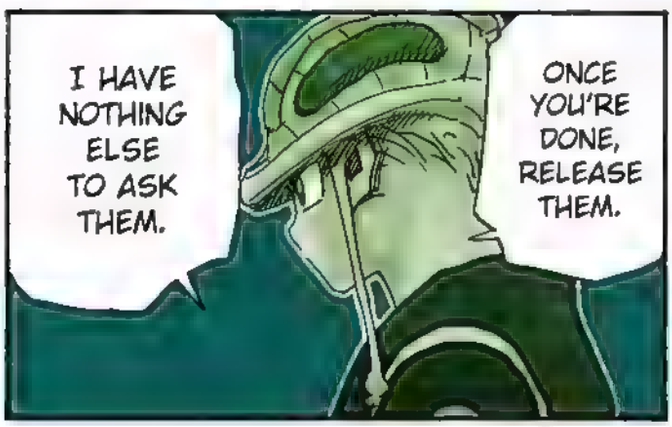



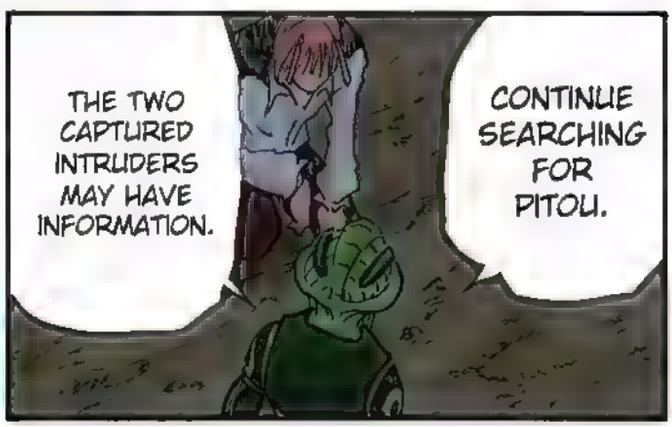

YES.
I WILL ACCEPT ANY PUNISH-MENT.
HE CARES FOR HER MORE THAN I FEARED ...
THAT WE ARE OF ONE MIND.
YOU KNOW WITHOUT MY SAYING IT.

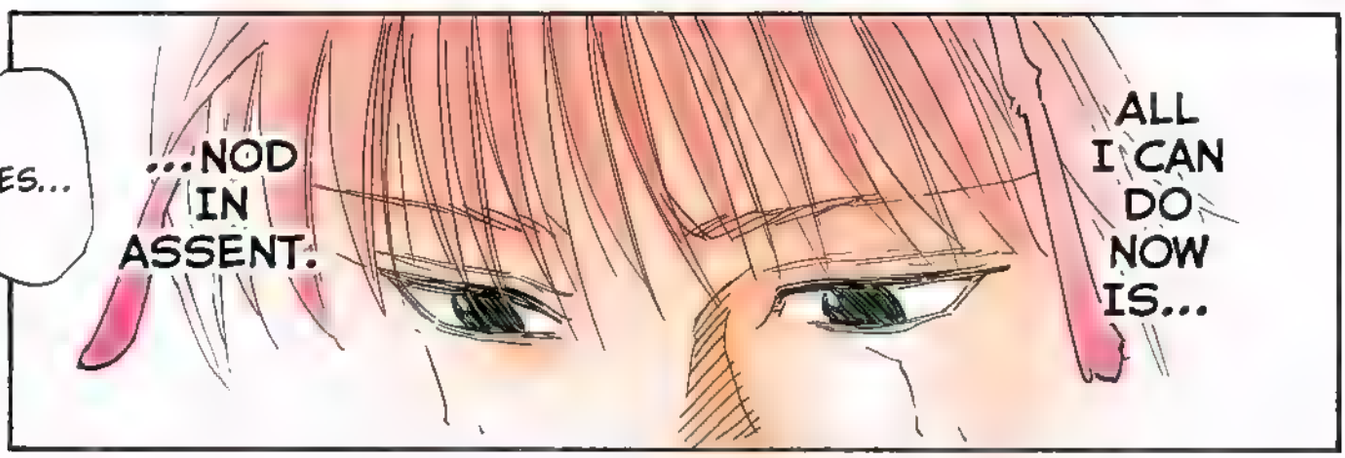
THERE WON'T BE ANY PUNISHMENT.

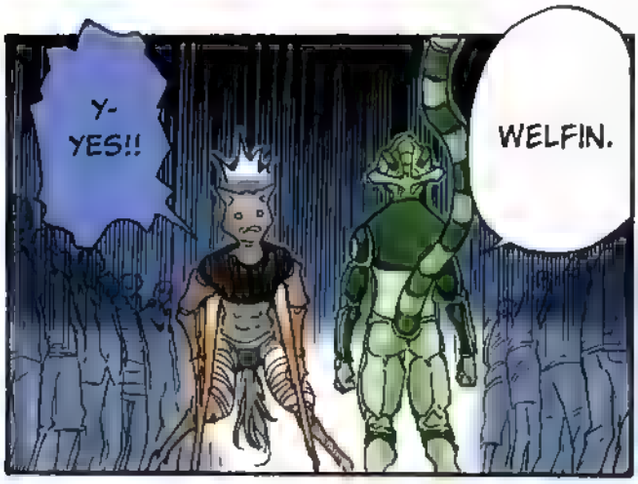
I NEVER HAD A CHANCE IN THIS...

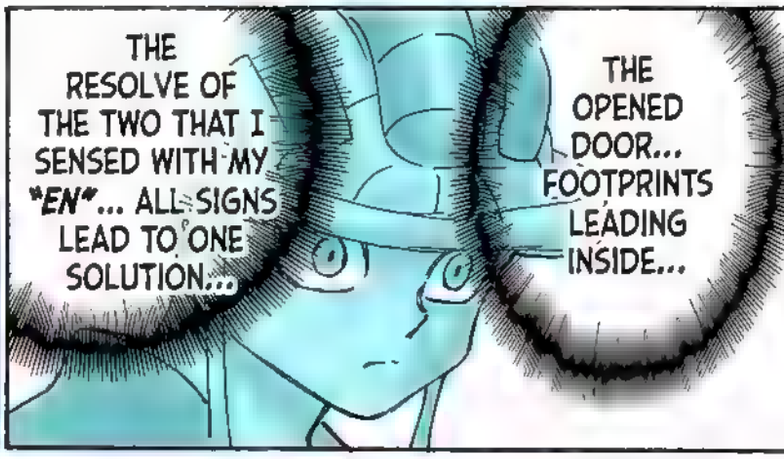


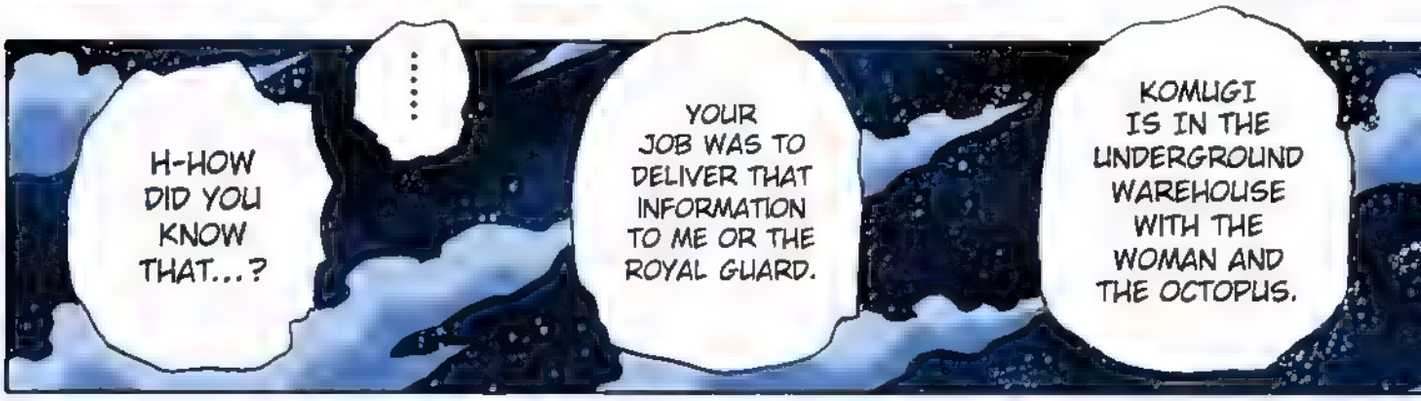



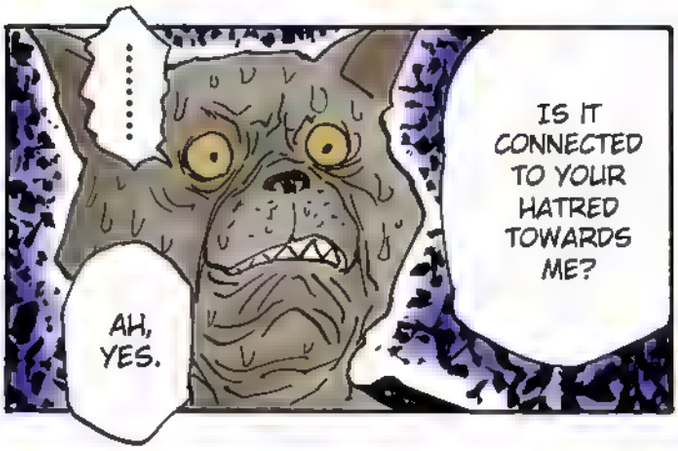




Y-YES!!
WELFIN.


THE RESOLVE OF THE TWO THAT I SENSED WITH MY "EN"... ALL SIGNS LEAD TO ONE SOLUTION...
THE OPENED DOOR... FOOTPRINTS LEADING INSIDE...


H-HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT...?
.....
YOUR JOB WAS TO DELIVER THAT INFORMATION TO ME OR THE ROYAL GUARD.
KOMUGI IS IN THE UNDERGROUND WAREHOUSE WITH THE WOMAN AND THE OCTOPUS.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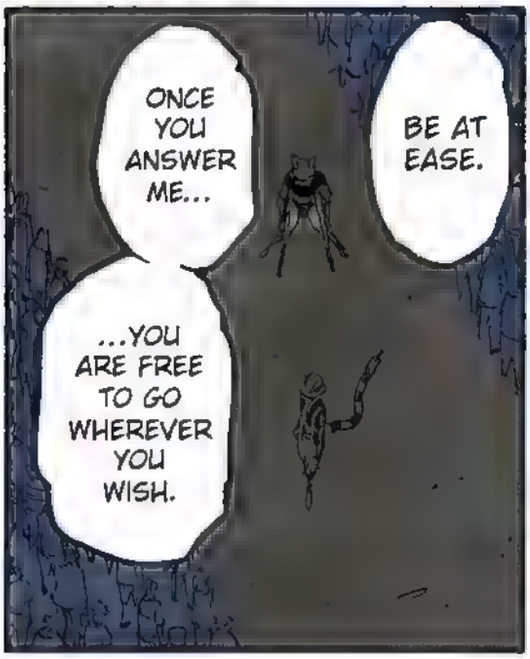
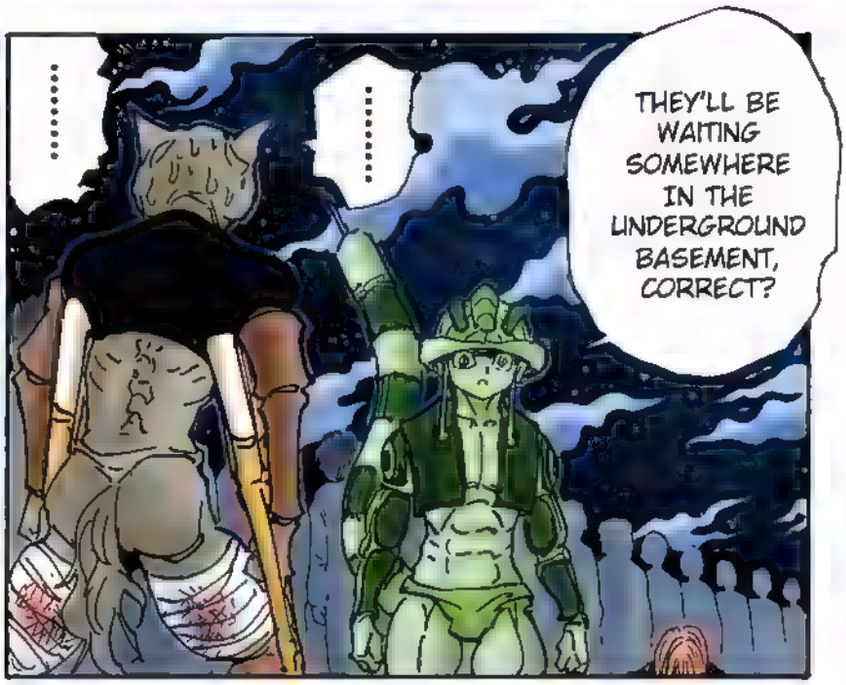
AH, YES.
IS IT CONNECTED TO YOUR HATRED TOWARDS ME?

BUT I AM UNSURE AS TO YOUR FAILING TO CARRY IT OUT.
I BELIEVE YOU TOOK ON THE TASK AT THE BEHEST OF THE OCTOPUS.


ONCE YOU ANSWER ME...
BE AT EASE.
...YOU ARE FREE TO GO WHEREVER YOU WISH.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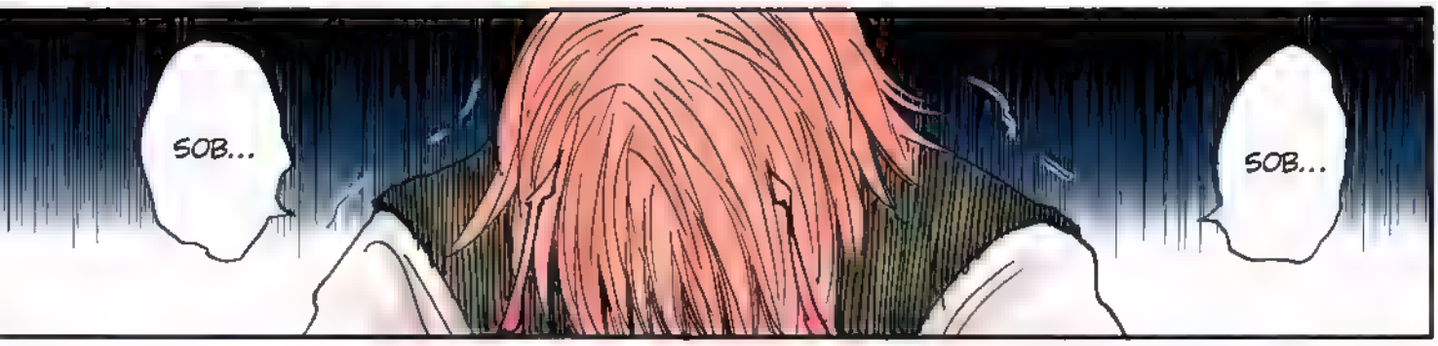
THEY'LL BE WAITING SOMEWHERE IN THE UNDERGROUND BASEMENT, CORRECT?

YOU HAVE MY THANKS.
BECAUSE OF YOU, I REMEMBERED SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT.


SOB...
SOB...

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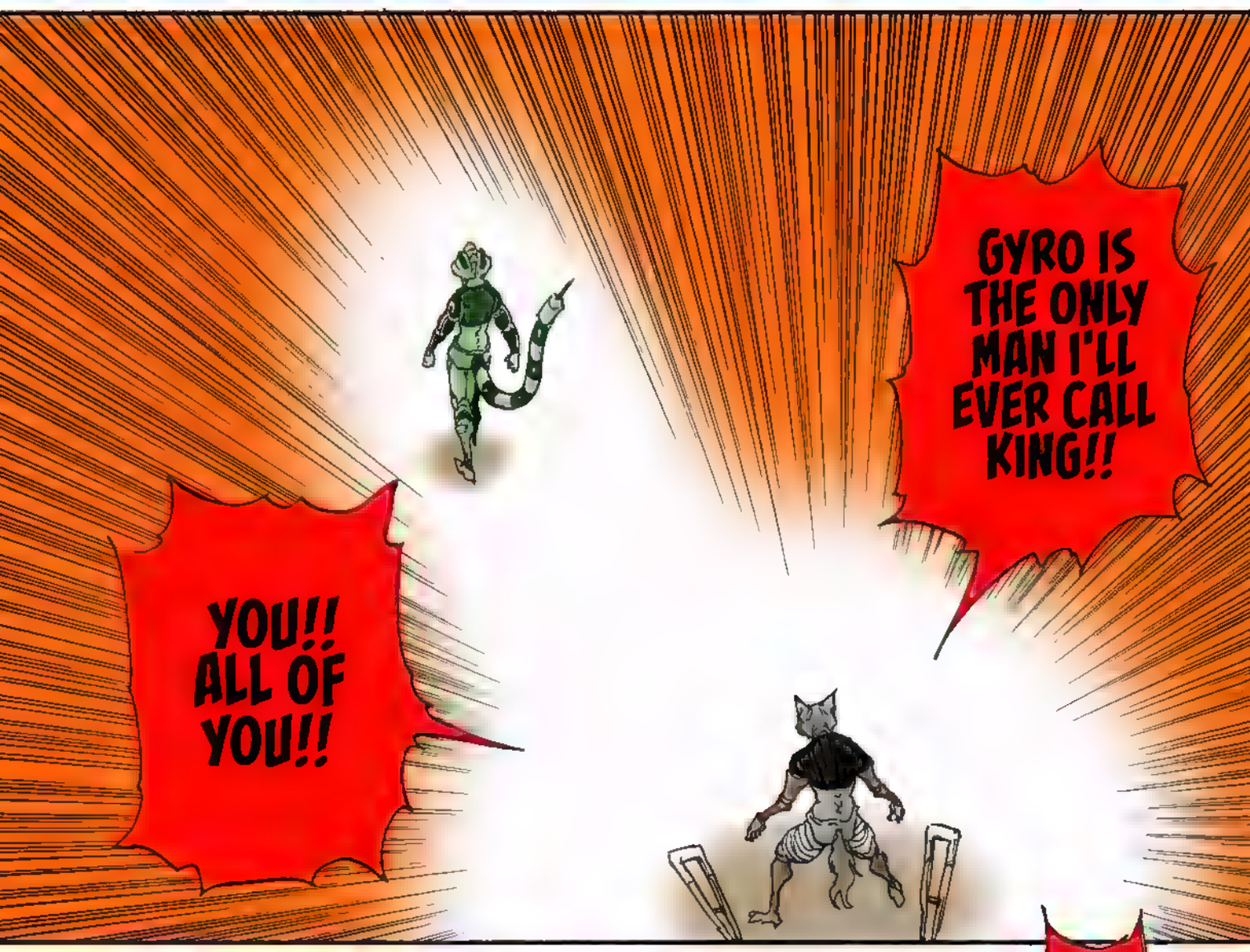
...THAT THEY'D BE WAITING IN BIZEFF'S PRIVATE COURTYARD, IN AREA F.
THEY SAID...


GYRO IS THE ONLY MAN I'LL EVER CALL KING!!
YOU!! ALL OF YOU!!

OUR ENEMIES !!!
ARE ENEMIES !!

.....
IS THAT SO?

...YOU SEE HIM.
I HOPE...
...LIVE A HUMAN LIFE.
AND IF POSSI-BLE...
THE ANTS... ALREADY ARE...

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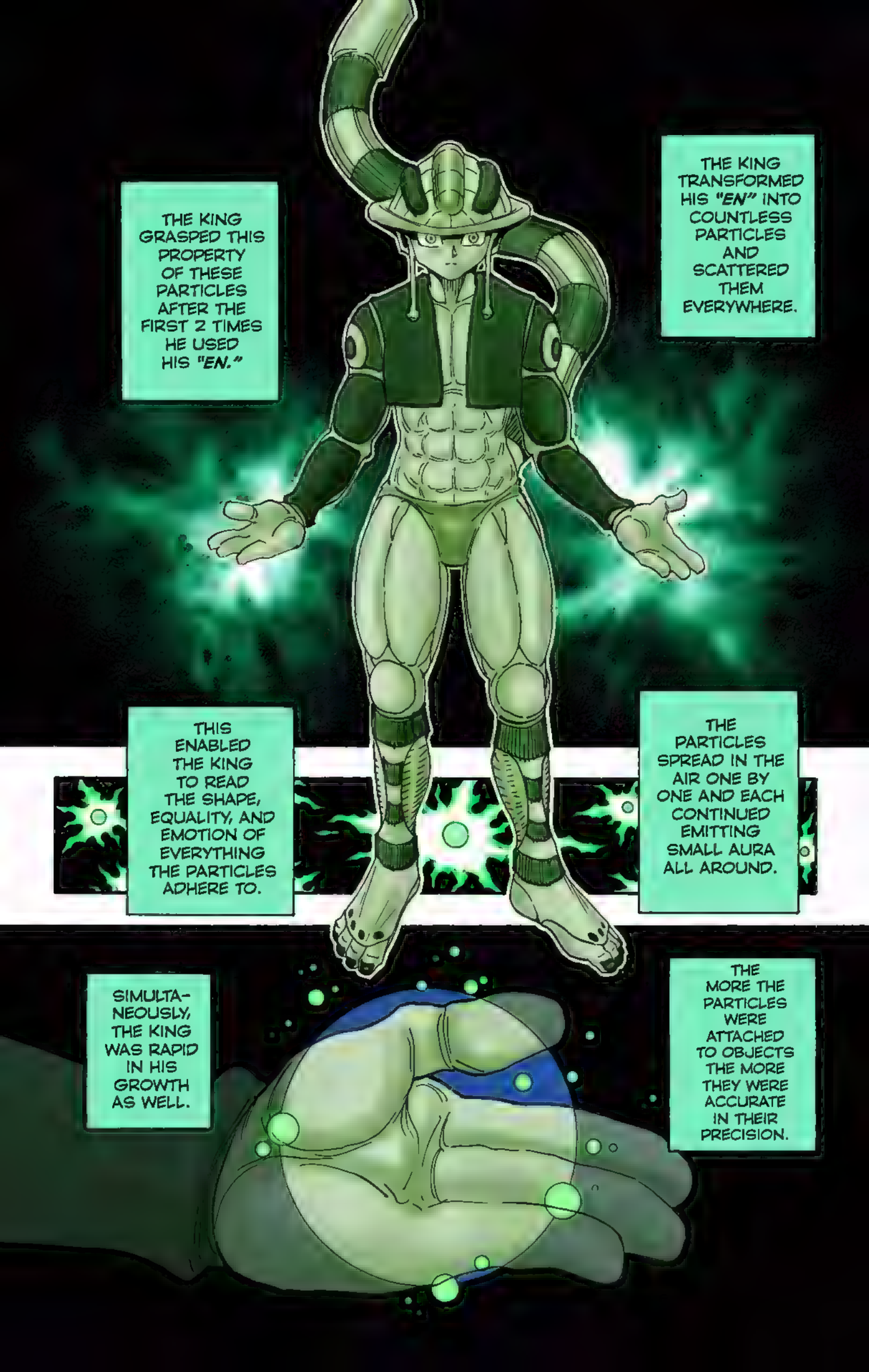
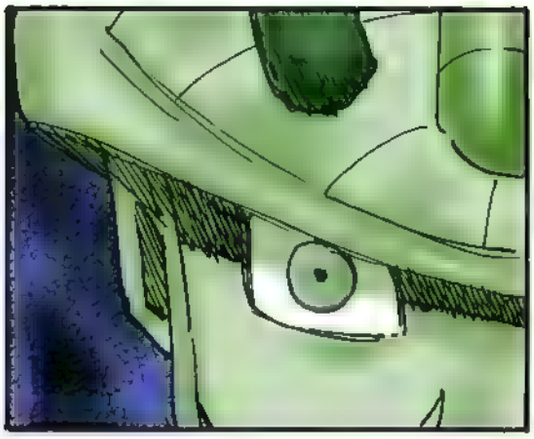
PERSUASION
WHEN THE KING ARRIVED...
...THERE WEREN'T 2 PEOPLE AS HE WAS TOLD.
THIS WAS PART OF A PLAN TO REDUCE THE TIME THE KING HAD LEFT.
BUT ...

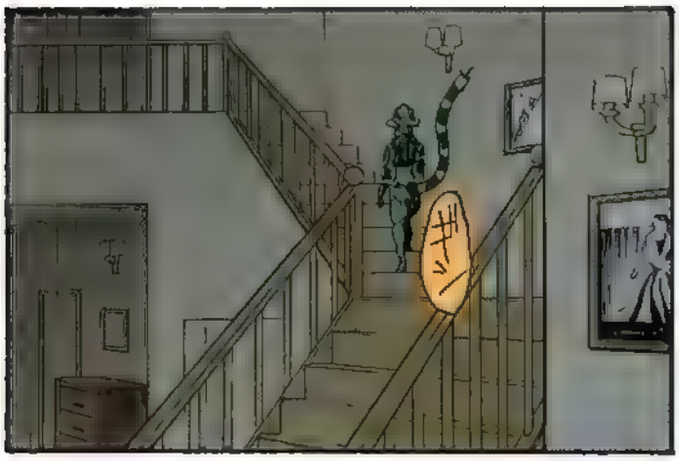

THE KING GRASPED THIS PROPERTY OF THESE PARTICLES AFTER THE FIRST 2 TIMES HE USED HIS "EN."
THE KING TRANSFORMED HIS "EN" INTO COUNTLESS PARTICLES AND SCATTERED THEM EVERYWHERE.
THIS ENABLED THE KING TO READ THE SHAPE, EQUALITY, AND EMOTION OF EVERYTHING THE PARTICLES ADHERE TO.
THE PARTICLES SPREAD IN THE AIR ONE BY ONE AND EACH CONTINUED EMITTING SMALL AURA ALL AROUND.
SIMULTA-NEOUSLY, THE KING WAS RAPID IN HIS GROWTH AS WELL.
THE MORE THE PARTICLES WERE ATTACHED TO OBJECTS THE MORE THEY WERE ACCURATE IN THEIR PRECISION.

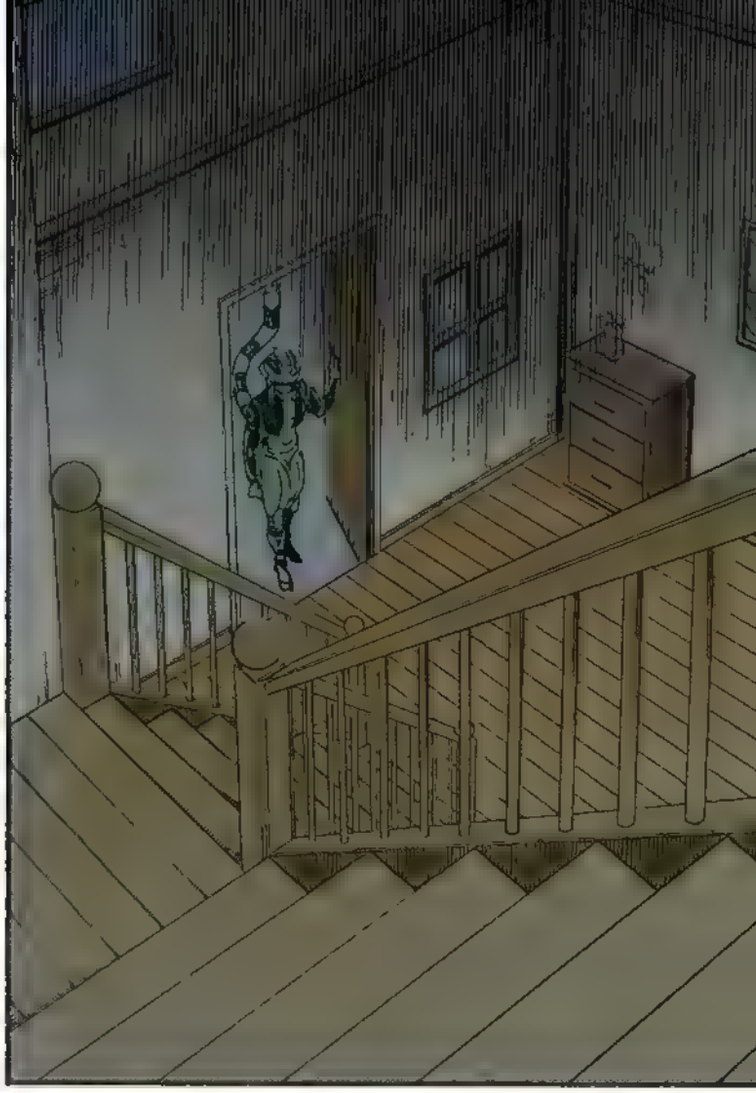
BY SCATTERING AROUND A NEW TRACE OF PARTICLES...

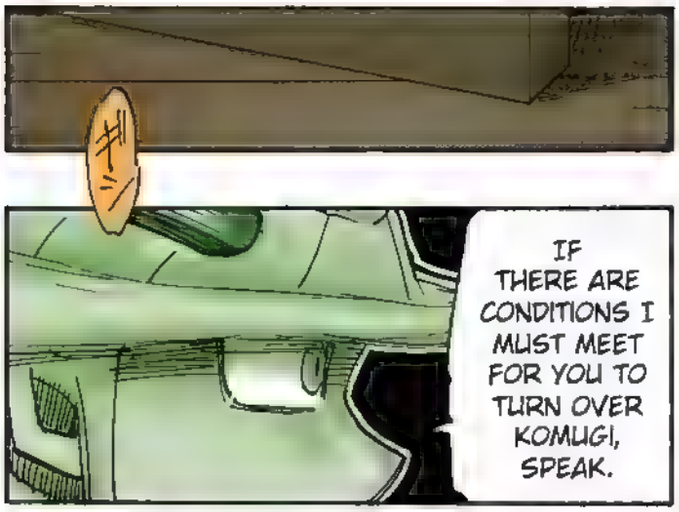


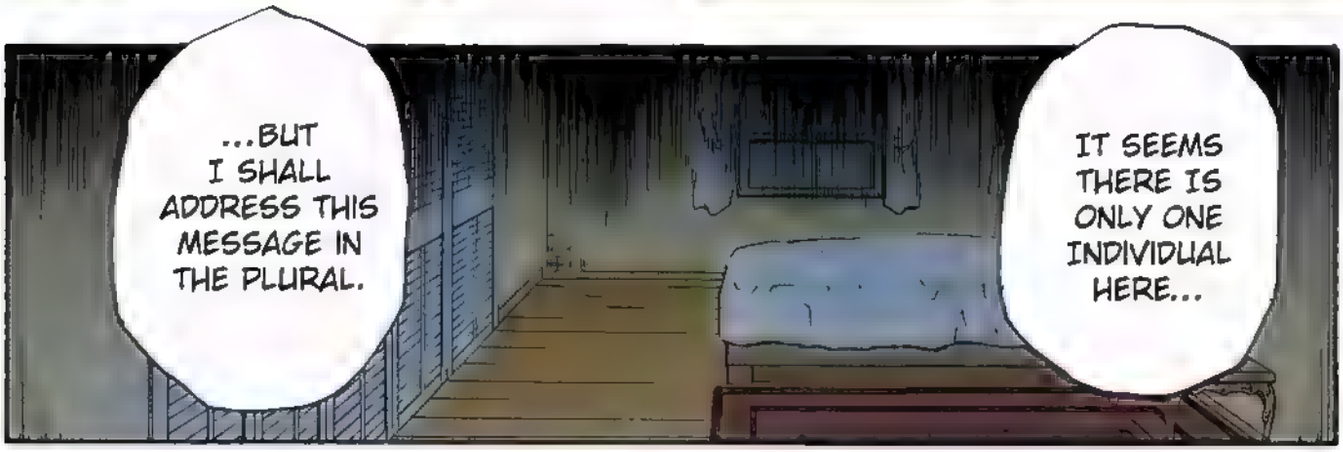
...ANYTHING COVERED WITH THE PARTICLES OF HIS FIRST "EN"...

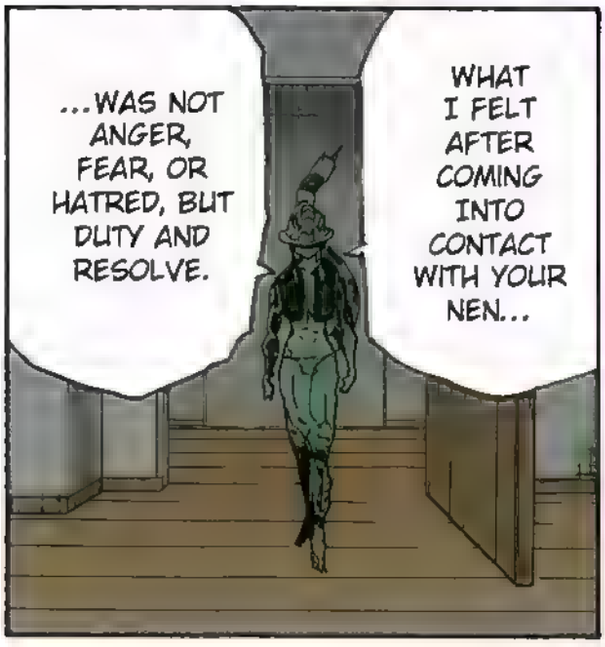
...MADE IT ALL TOO EASY TO FIND.



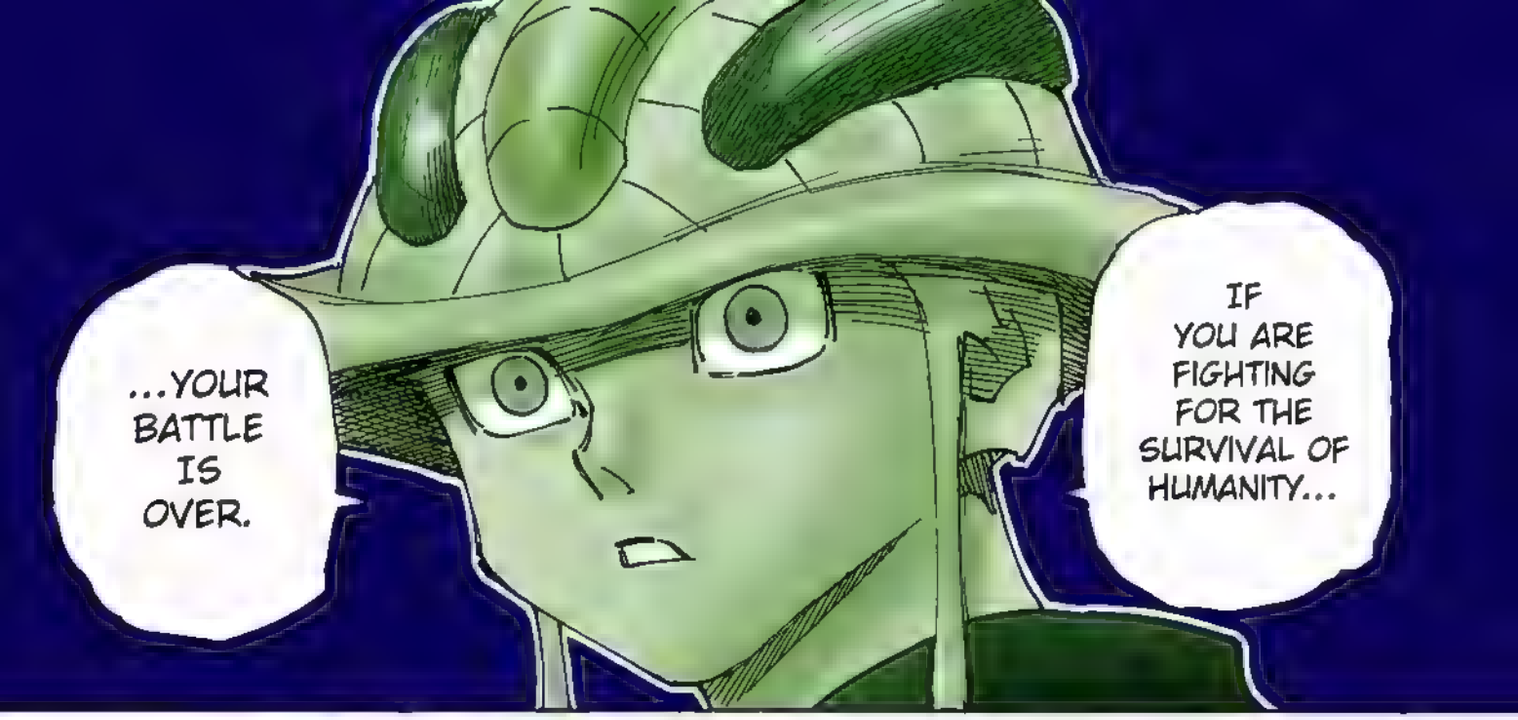


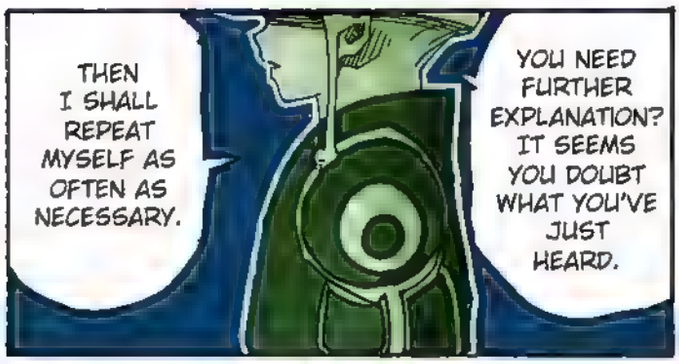

IF THERE ARE CONDITIONS I MUST MEET FOR YOU TO TURN OVER KOMUGI, SPEAK.

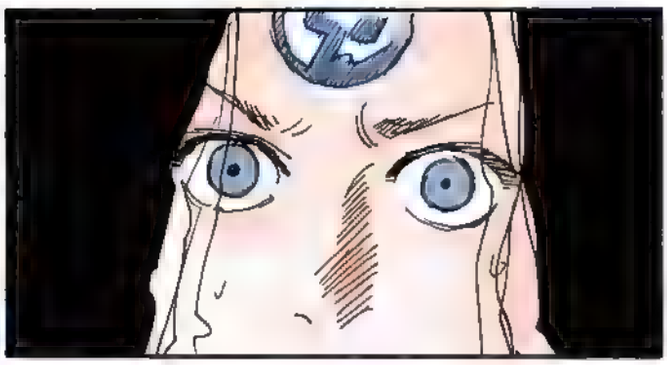

...BUT I SHALL ADDRESS THIS MESSAGE IN THE PLURAL.
IT SEEMS THERE IS ONLY ONE INDIVIDUAL HERE...

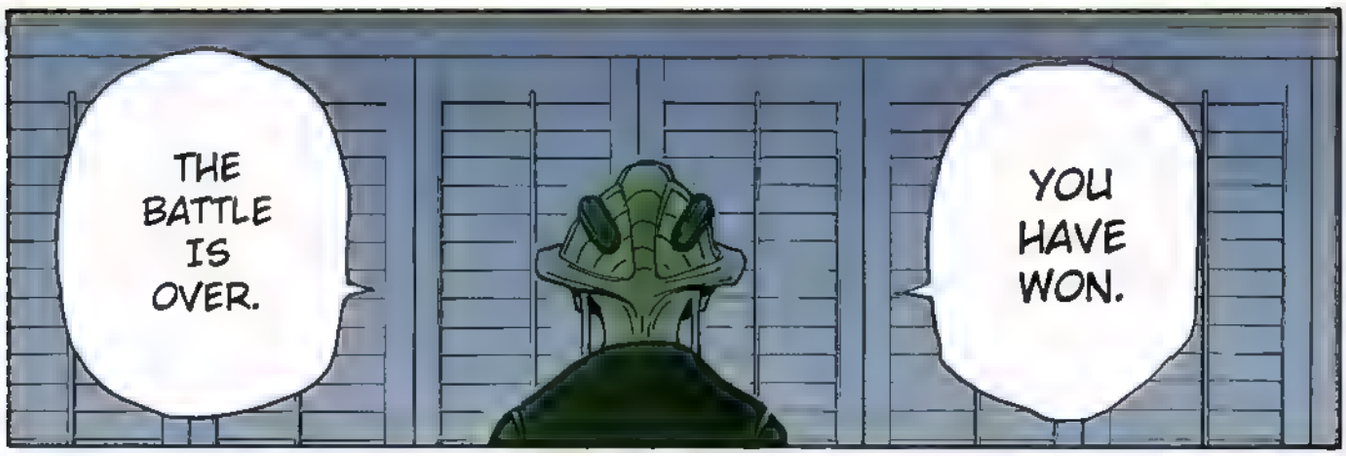

...WAS NOT ANGER, FEAR, OR HATRED, BUT DUTY AND RESOLVE.
WHAT I FELT AFTER COMING INTO CONTACT WITH YOUR NEN...

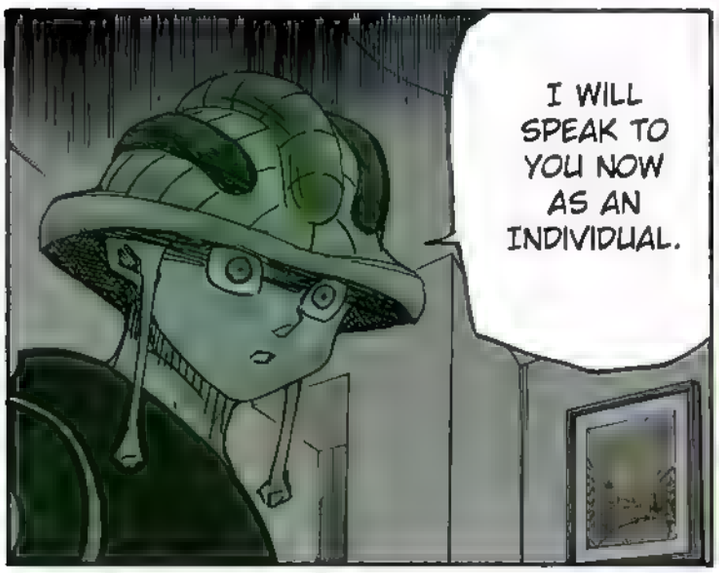
WHY TRY TO TRICK HIM ...?!
HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE DOING.

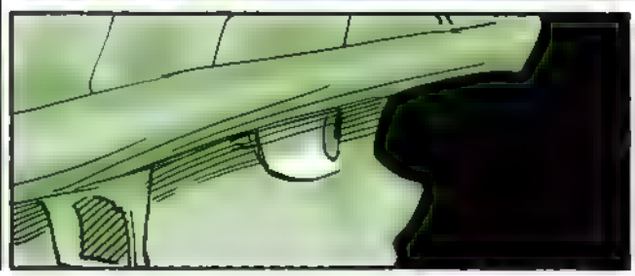

...YOUR BATTLE IS OVER.
IF YOU ARE FIGHTING FOR THE SURVIVAL OF HUMANITY...

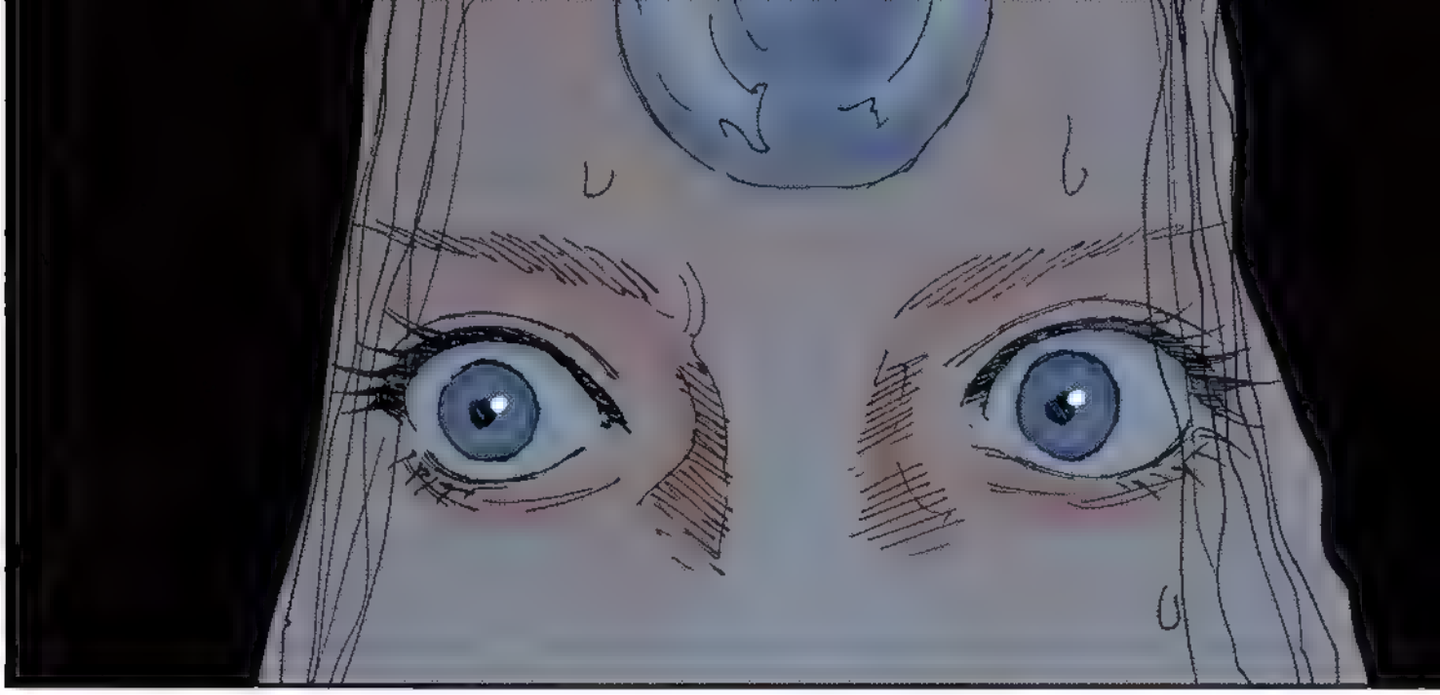

THEN I SHALL REPEAT MYSELF AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY.
YOU NEED FURTHER EXPLANATION? IT SEEMS YOU DOUBT WHAT YOU'VE JUST HEARD.

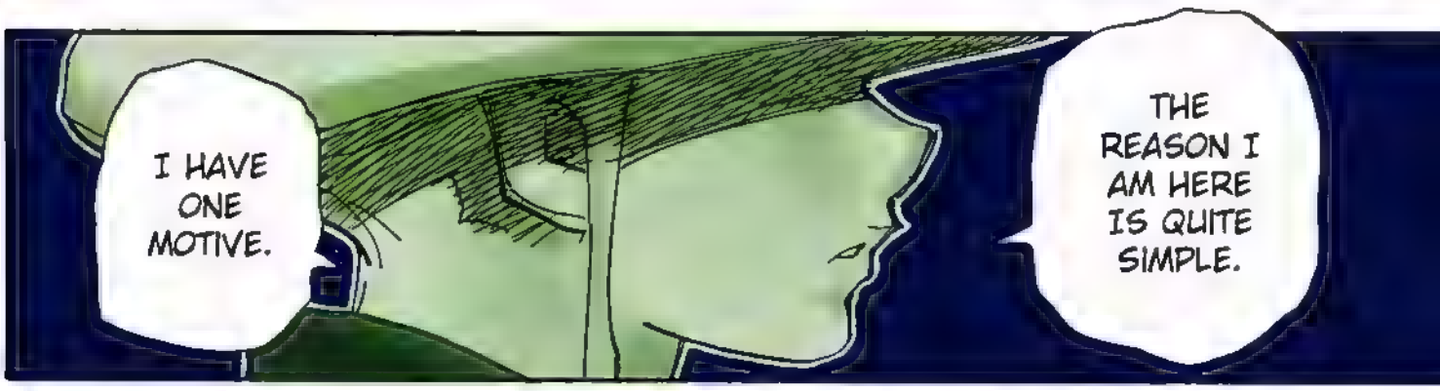


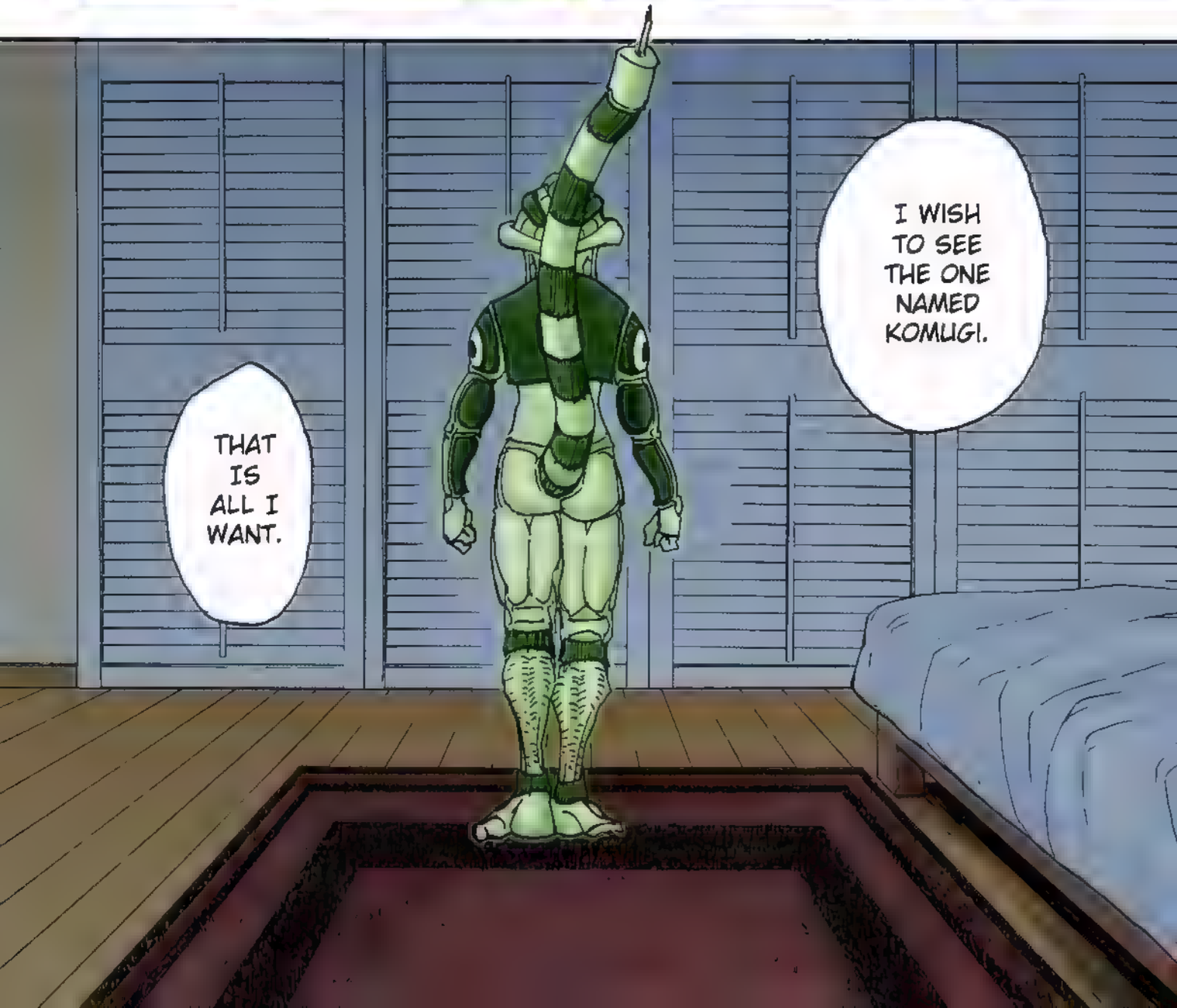

THE BATTLE IS OVER.
YOU HAVE WON.


I WILL SPEAK TO YOU NOW AS AN INDIVIDUAL.

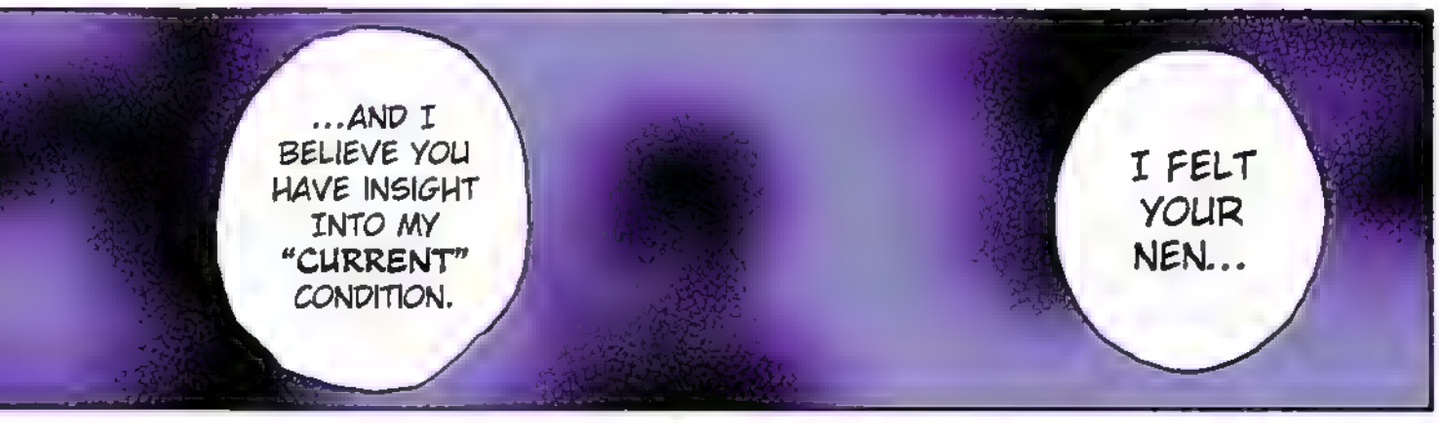




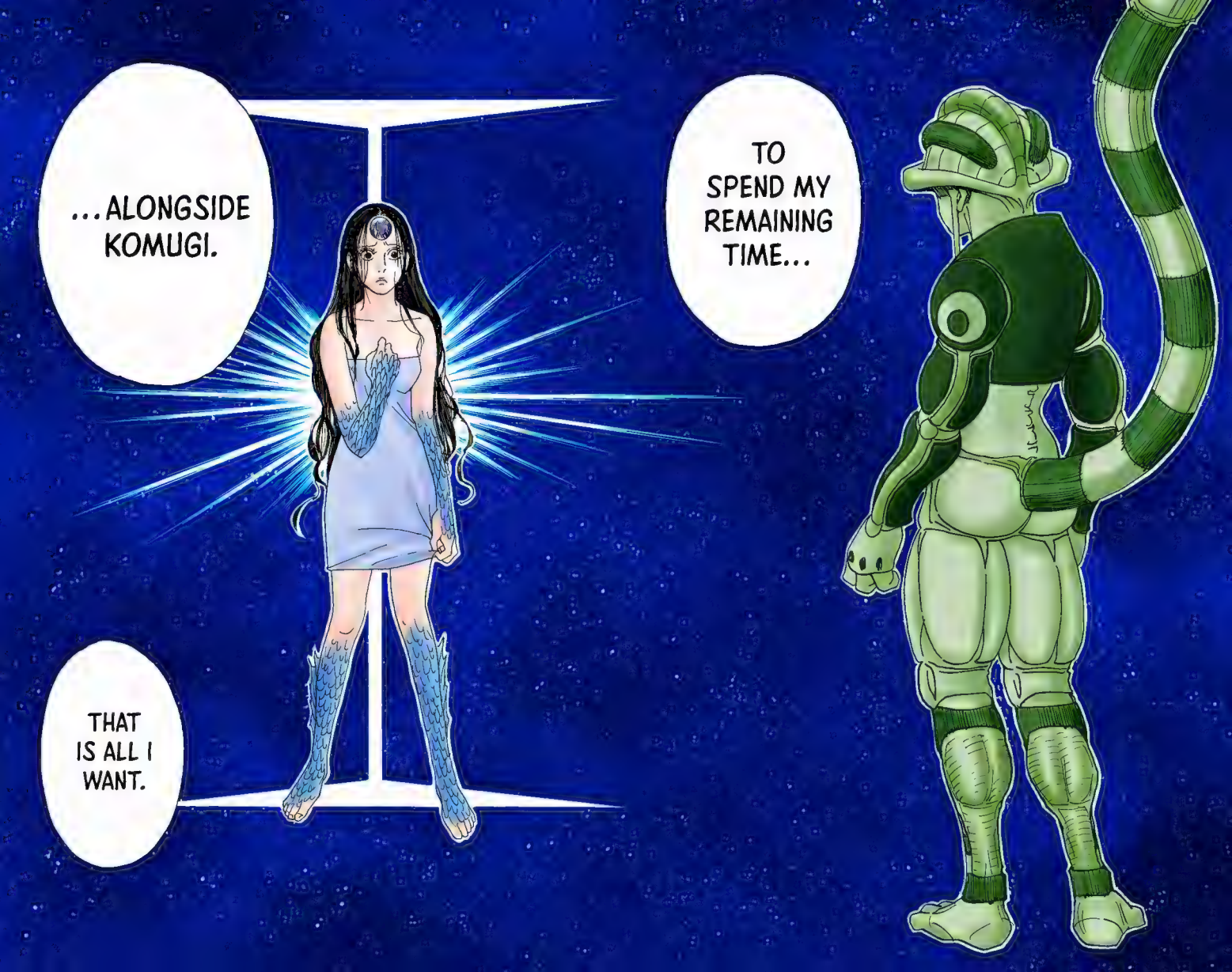

I HAVE ONE MOTIVE.
THE REASON I AM HERE IS QUITE SIMPLE.

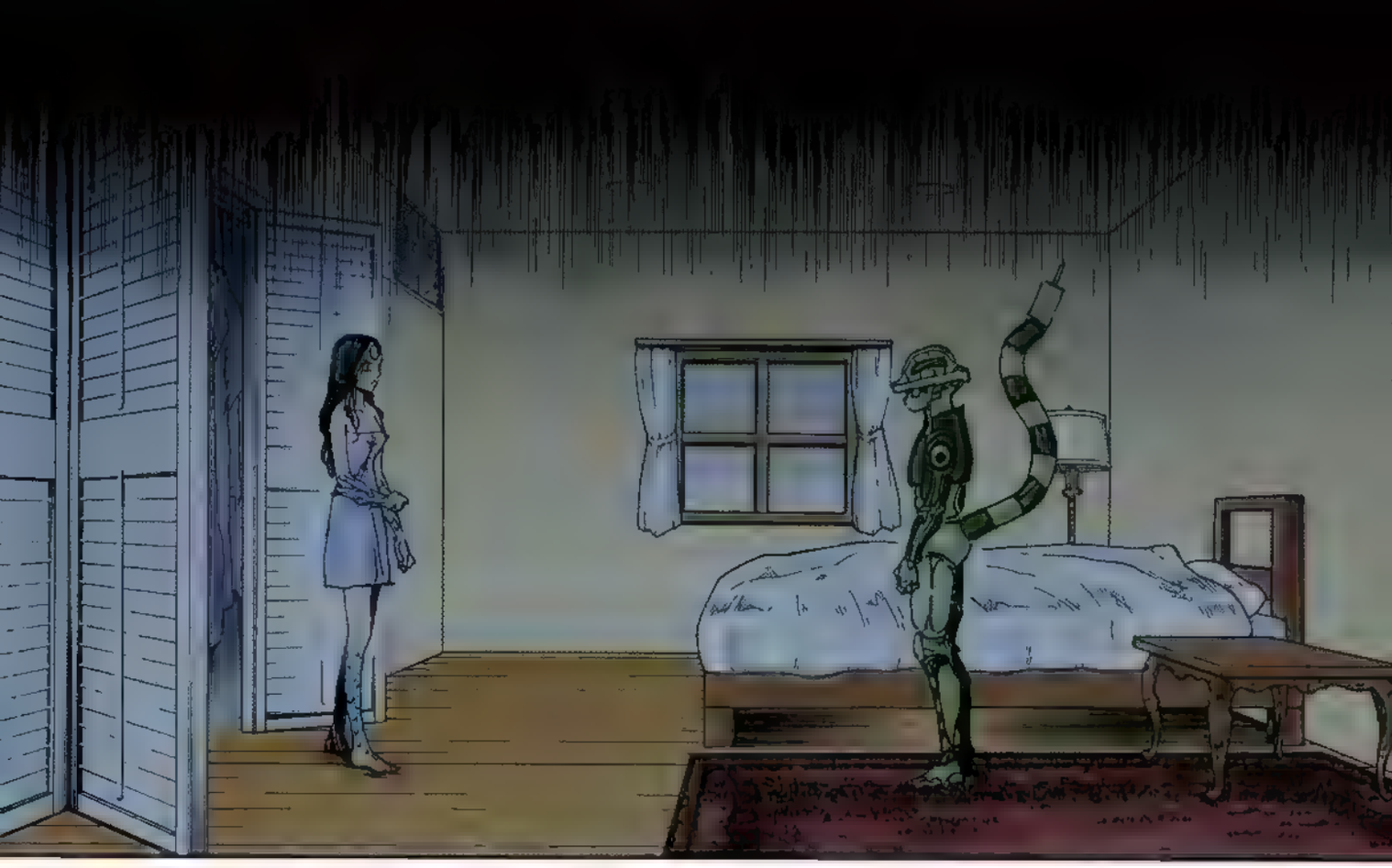

I WISH TO SEE THE ONE NAMED KOMUGI.
THAT IS ALL I WANT.

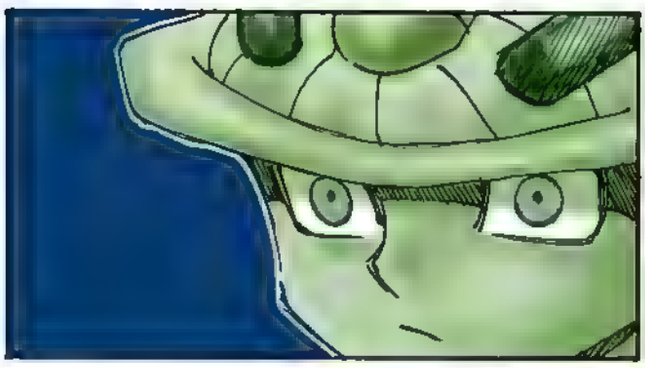
THAT IS ALL...
...I REALLY DESIRE.
I DESIRE NOTHING ELSE.

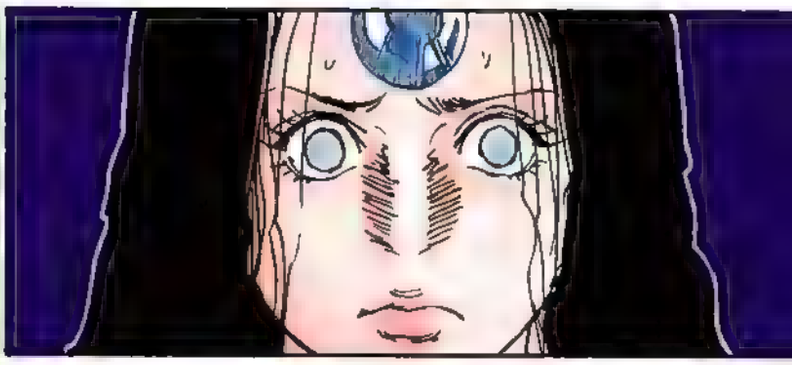

...AND I BELIEVE YOU HAVE INSIGHT INTO MY "CURRENT" CONDITION.
I FELT YOUR NEN...

...MY GREATEST DESIRE IS STILL...
EVEN KNOWING WHAT WILL HAPPEN...


...ALONGSIDE KOMUGI.
THAT IS ALL I WANT.
TO SPEND MY REMAINING TIME...







HE ADMITTED DEFEAT!! AND COMPASSION FOR A HUMAN!!

AFTER ALL THE KILLING YOU HAVE DONE!! AND SOON WILL DO, A CREATURE LIKE YOU!!

AN OMNIPOTENT KING WOULD NEVER LIE TO *"HIMSELF"* IN ORDER TO FOOL SOMEONE LOWLY LIKE ME!!

YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE YOU?! DO YOU THINK I'LL JUST ACCEPT THAT EXPLANATION ?!

NO!! I ALREADY KNOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE !!

HE'S DOING THIS BECAUSE IT'S THE TRUTH!!!

IMPOSSIBLE !!!

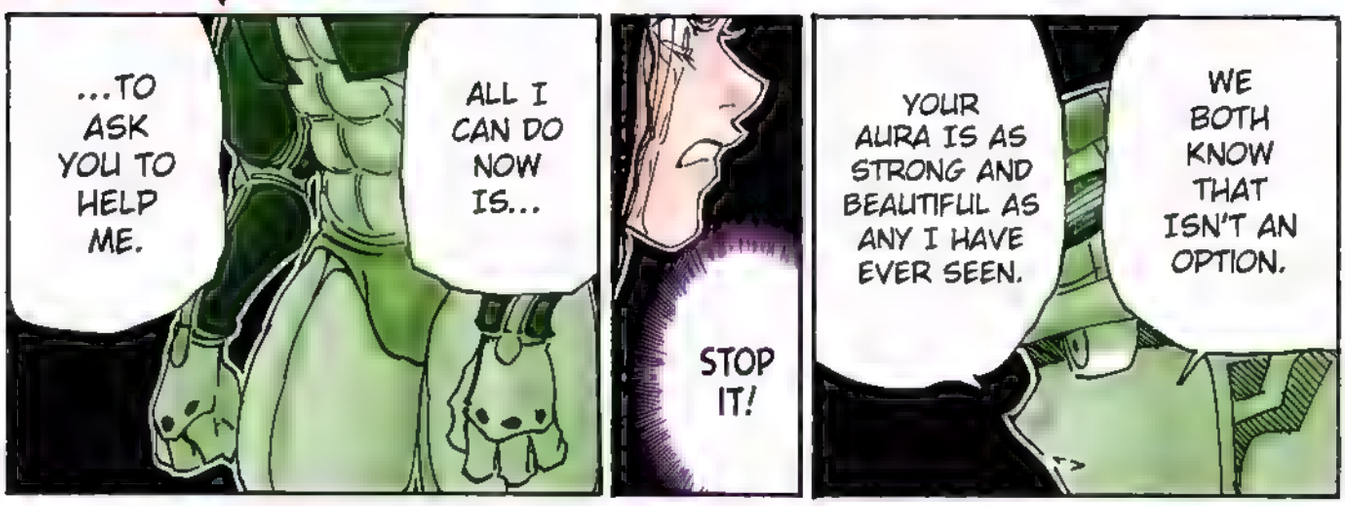
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE !!!!

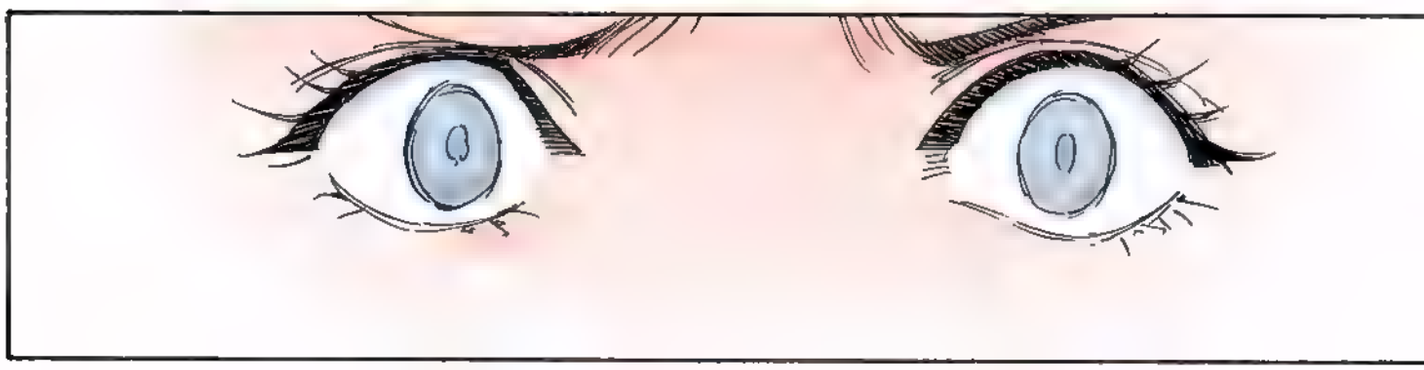
...CHANGED EVER SO SLIGHTLY.

SOME-THING, SOME-WHERE...

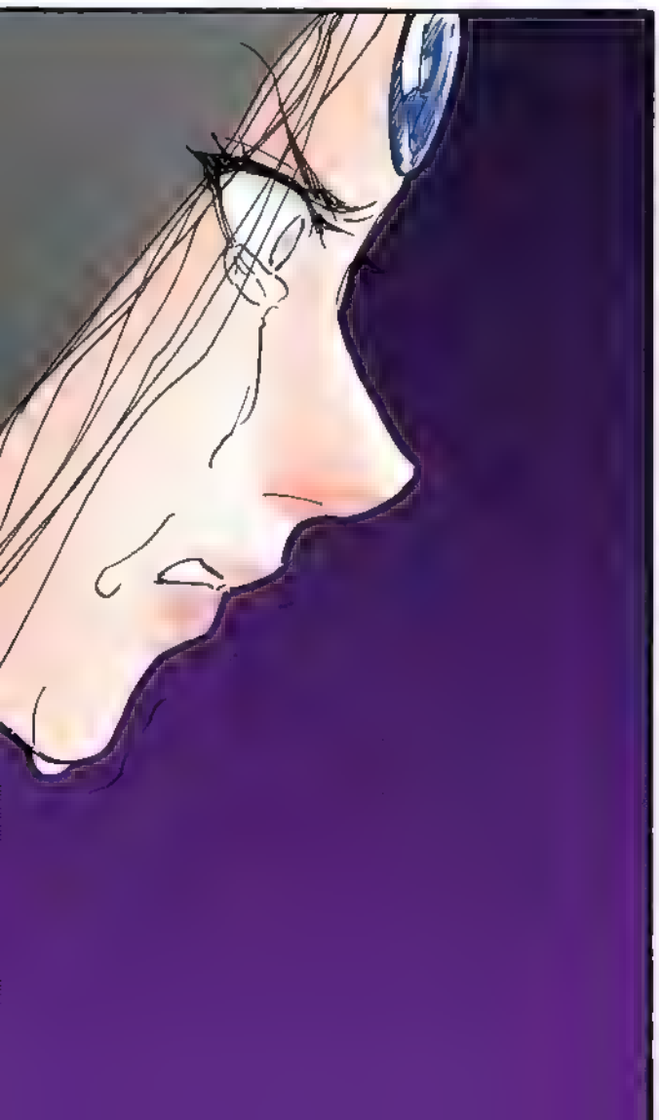
...EVERY-THING HAS FALLEN INTO PLACE.
I ONLY FEEL THIS WAY BECAUSE...
NO.
I AM NOT A GOD...
BUT THIS WORLD ...
IN MY CURRENT STATE...

...SO I DON'T HAVE TROUBLE SEARCHING FOR HER.
I WANT YOU TO TELL ME HER LOCATION...
YOU ARE WELL AWARE I HAVE LITTLE TIME LEFT.
WHY DON'T YOU JUST TORTURE IT OUT OF ME?!
YES!! I KNOW WHERE SHE'S LOCATED !!
I ALREADY KNOW!!
STOP IT!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?!


...TO ASK YOU TO HELP ME.
ALL I CAN DO NOW IS...
STOP IT!
YOUR AURA IS AS STRONG AND BEAUTIFUL AS ANY I HAVE EVER SEEN.
WE BOTH KNOW THAT ISN'T AN OPTION.

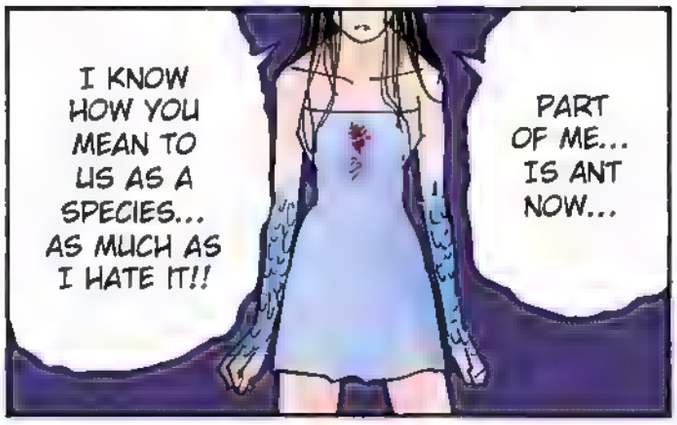


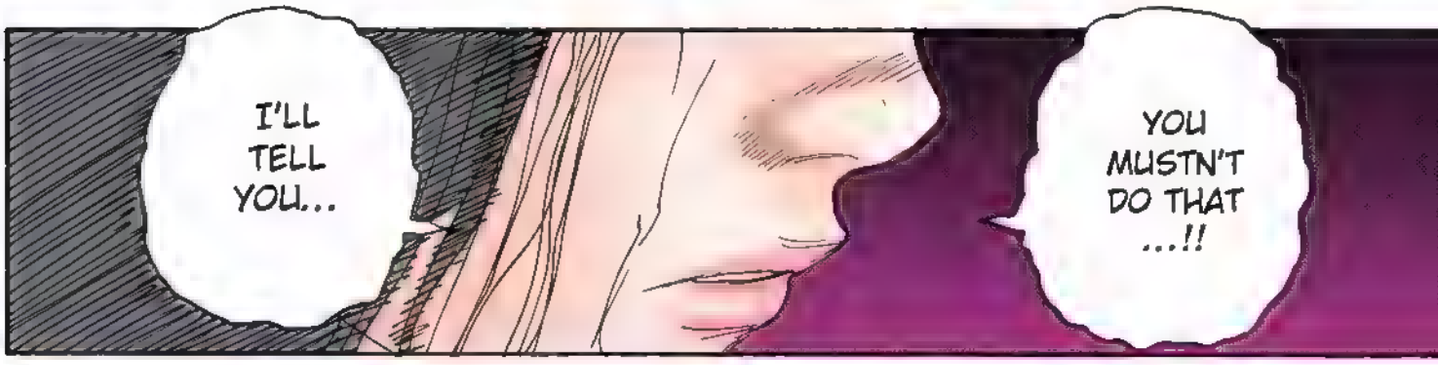
NO, DON'T !!!!

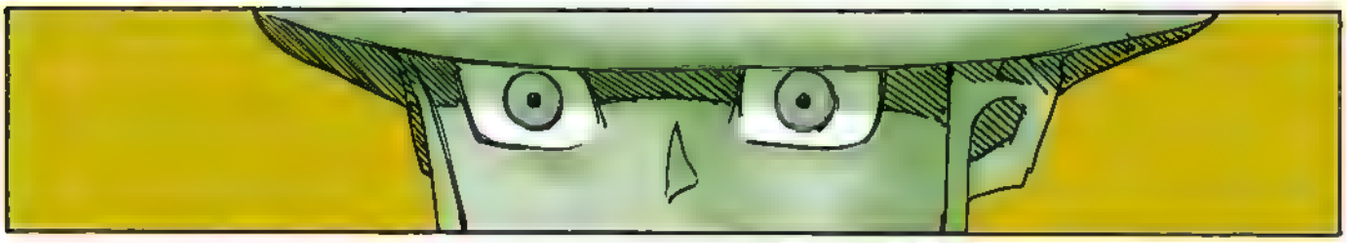


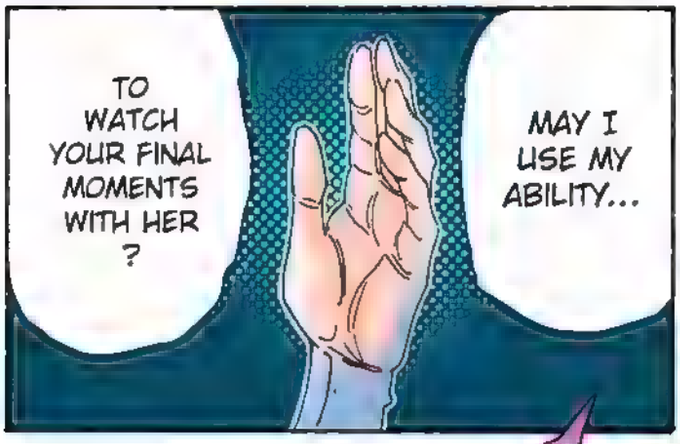
DON'T GO TO SUCH LENGTHS...

ANYTHING BUT THAT...





...YOU CERTAINLY MAY.
IF THAT IS WHAT IT TAKES TO BE WITH KOMUGI...
I COULDN'T... KEEP OUR PROMISE.
I'M SORRY, KILLUA...

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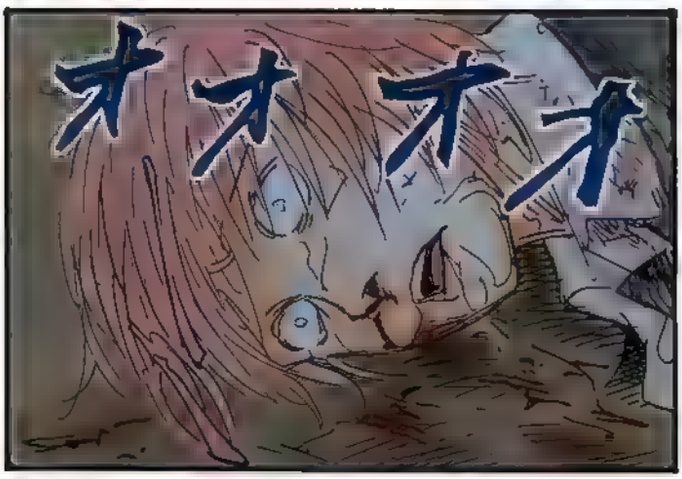

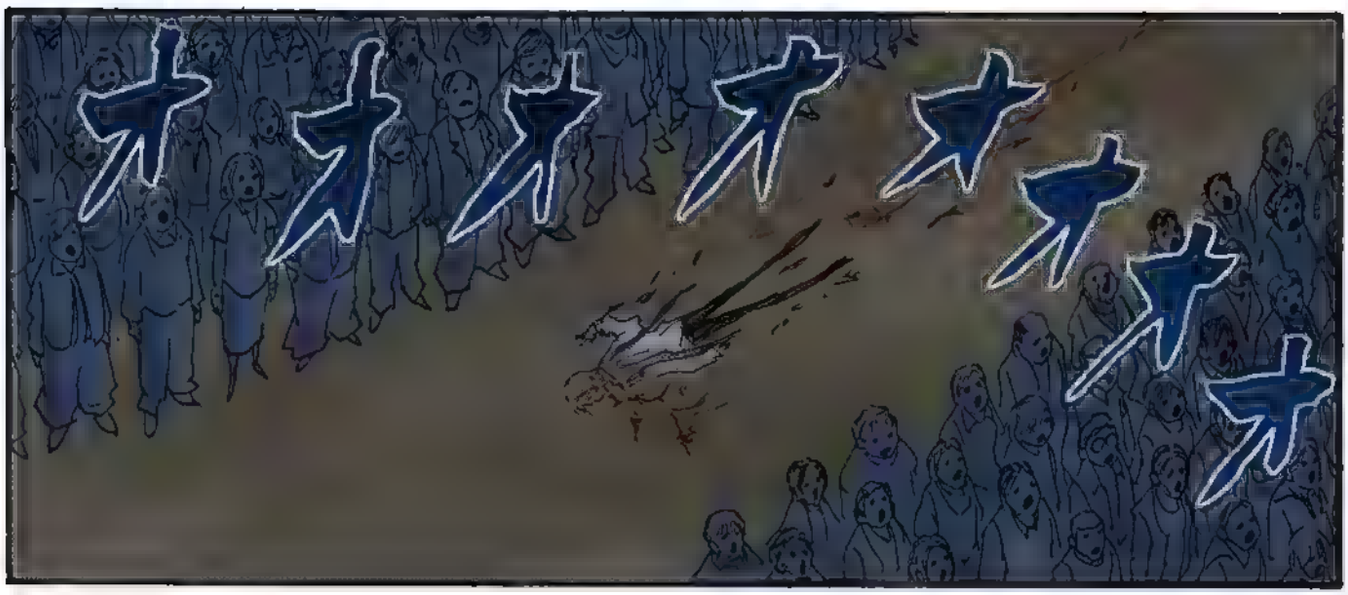

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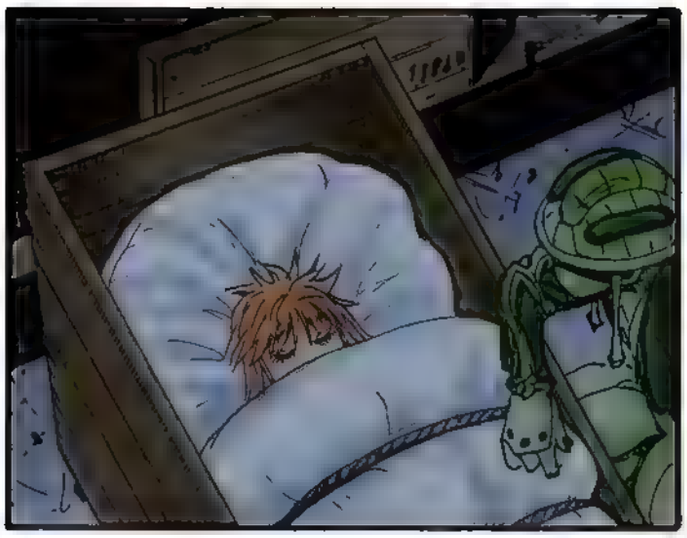

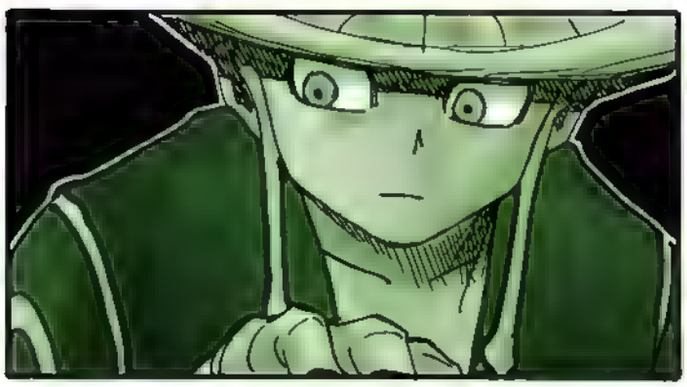

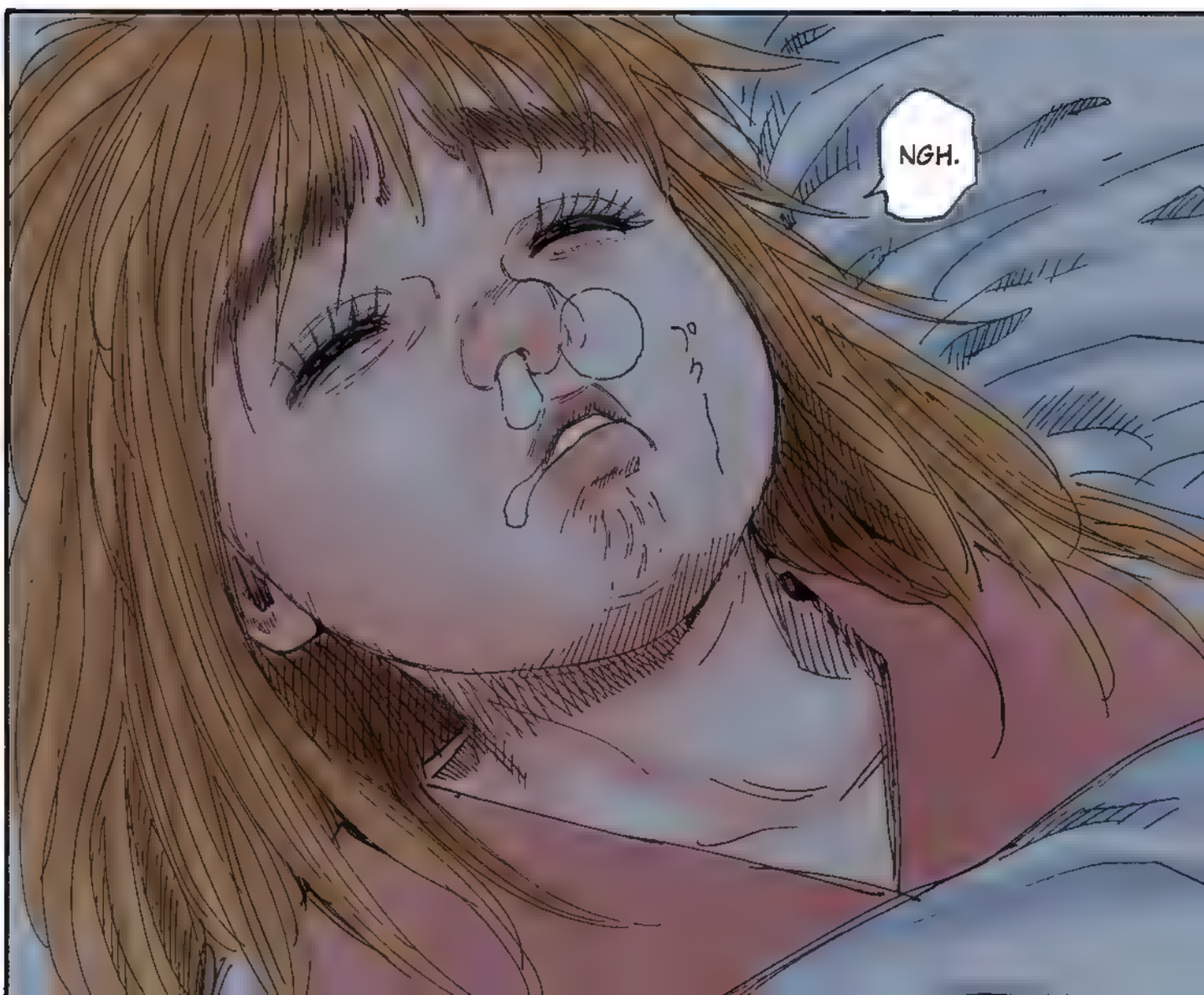
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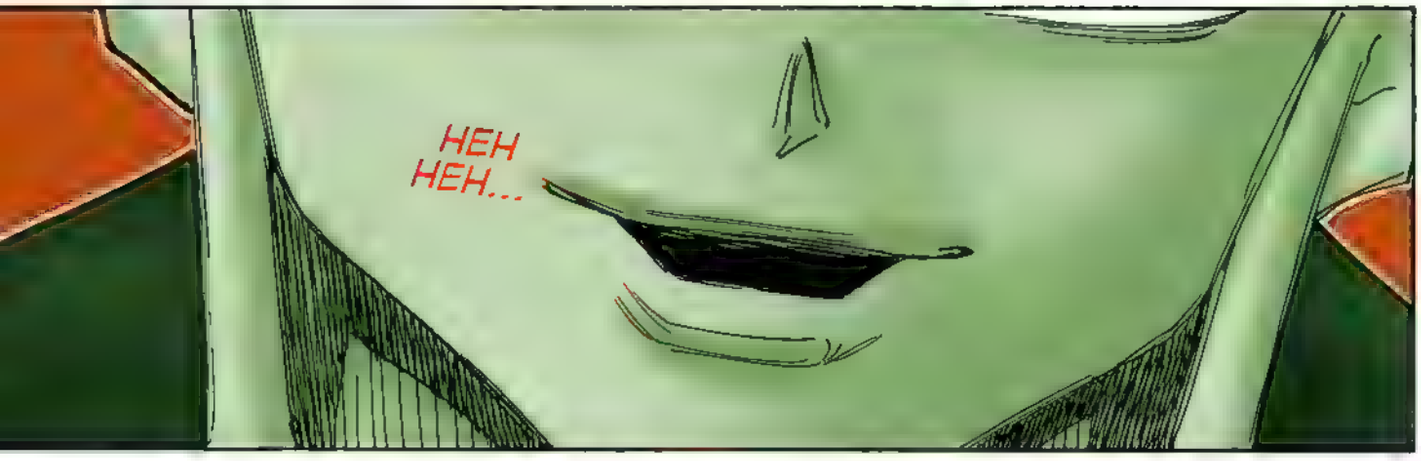
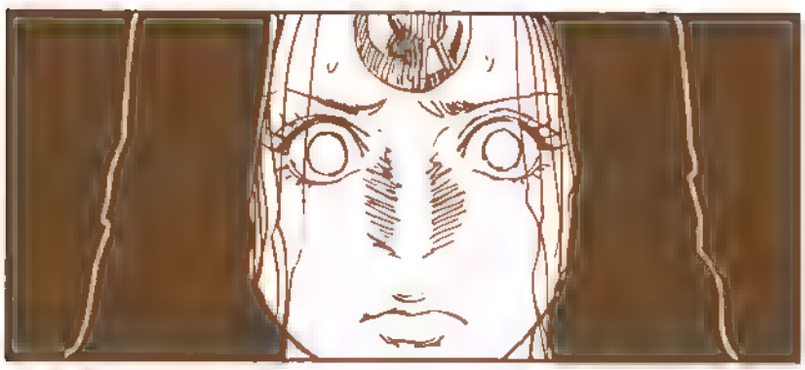



WAKE UP, KOMUGI!

LET'S PLAY!!



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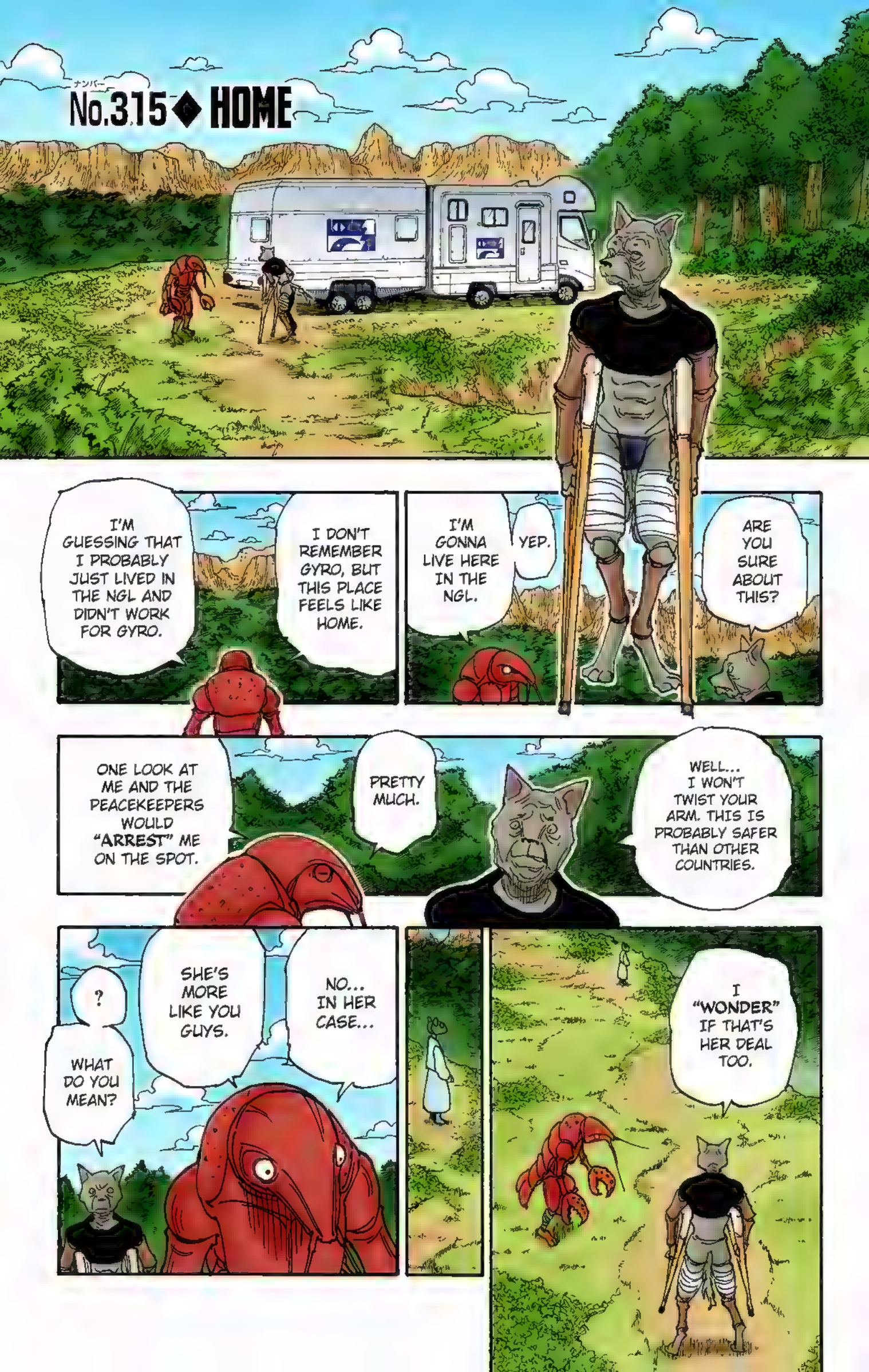
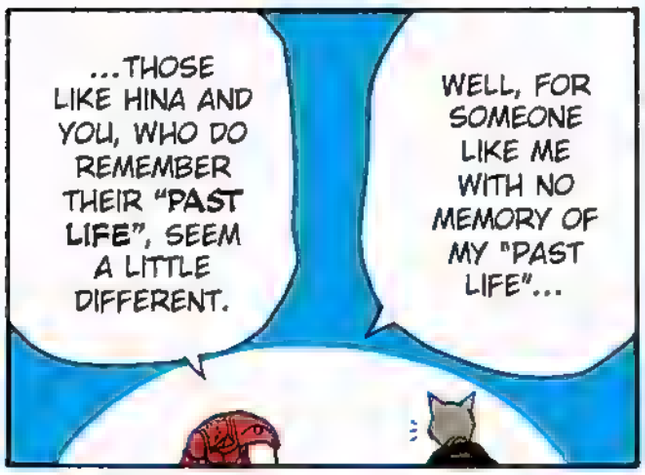

I'M GUESSING THAT I PROBABLY JUST LIVED IN THE NGL AND DIDN'T WORK FOR GYRO.
I DON'T REMEMBER GYRO, BUT THIS PLACE FEELS LIKE HOME.
I'M GONNA LIVE HERE IN THE NGL.
YEP.
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
ONE LOOK AT ME AND THE PEACEKEEPERS WOULD "ARREST" ME ON THE SPOT.
PRETTY MUCH.
WELL... I WON'T TWIST YOUR ARM. THIS IS PROBABLY SAFER THAN OTHER COUNTRIES.
?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SHE'S MORE LIKE YOU GUYS.
NO... IN HER CASE...
I "WONDER" IF THAT'S HER DEAL TOO.


...THOSE LIKE HINA AND YOU, WHO DO REMEMBER THEIR "PAST LIFE", SEEM A LITTLE DIFFERENT.
WELL, FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME WITH NO MEMORY OF MY "PAST LIFE"...

SHUT UP! JUST GIVE ME A MINUTE!!
HEY! ARE YOU DONE?! WE'LL LEAVE YOU BEHIND!!

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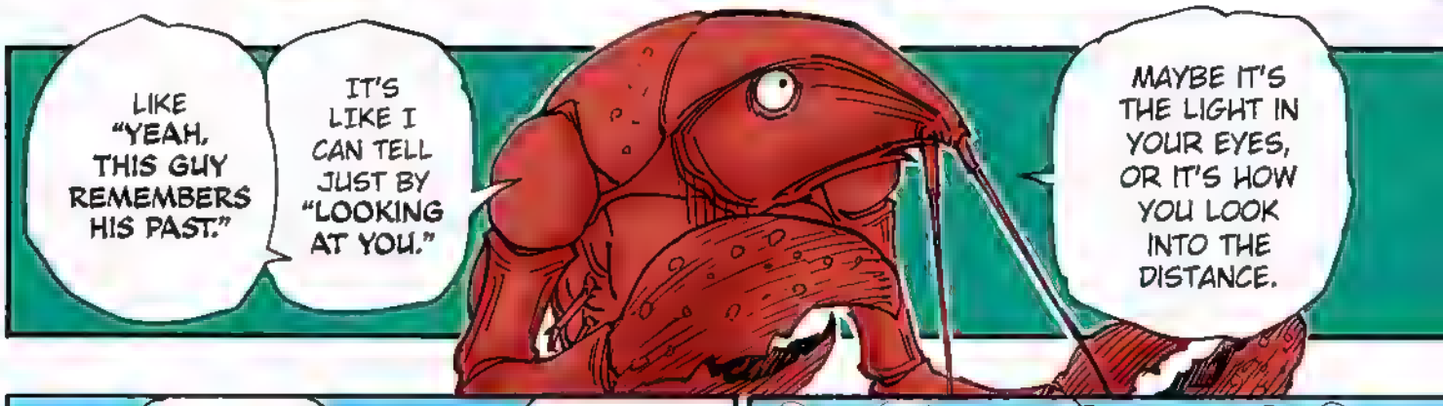
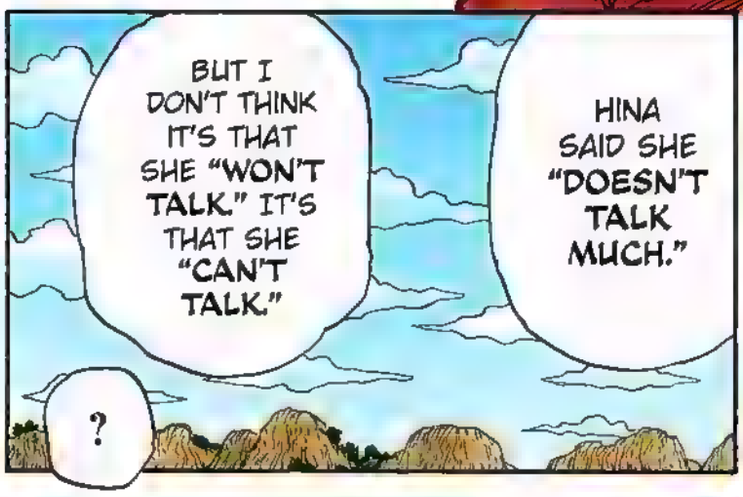

LIKE "YEAH, THIS GUY REMEMBERS HIS PAST."
IT'S LIKE I CAN TELL JUST BY "LOOKING AT YOU."
MAYBE IT'S THE LIGHT IN YOUR EYES, OR IT'S HOW YOU LOOK INTO THE DISTANCE.


BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S THAT SHE "WON'T TALK." IT'S THAT SHE "CAN'T TALK."
HINA SAID SHE "DOESN'T TALK MUCH."
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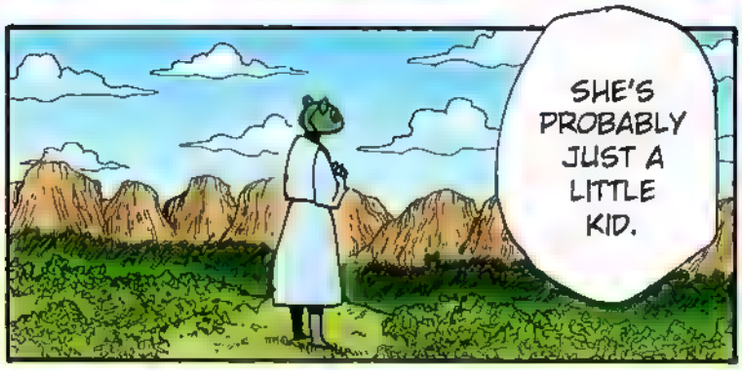
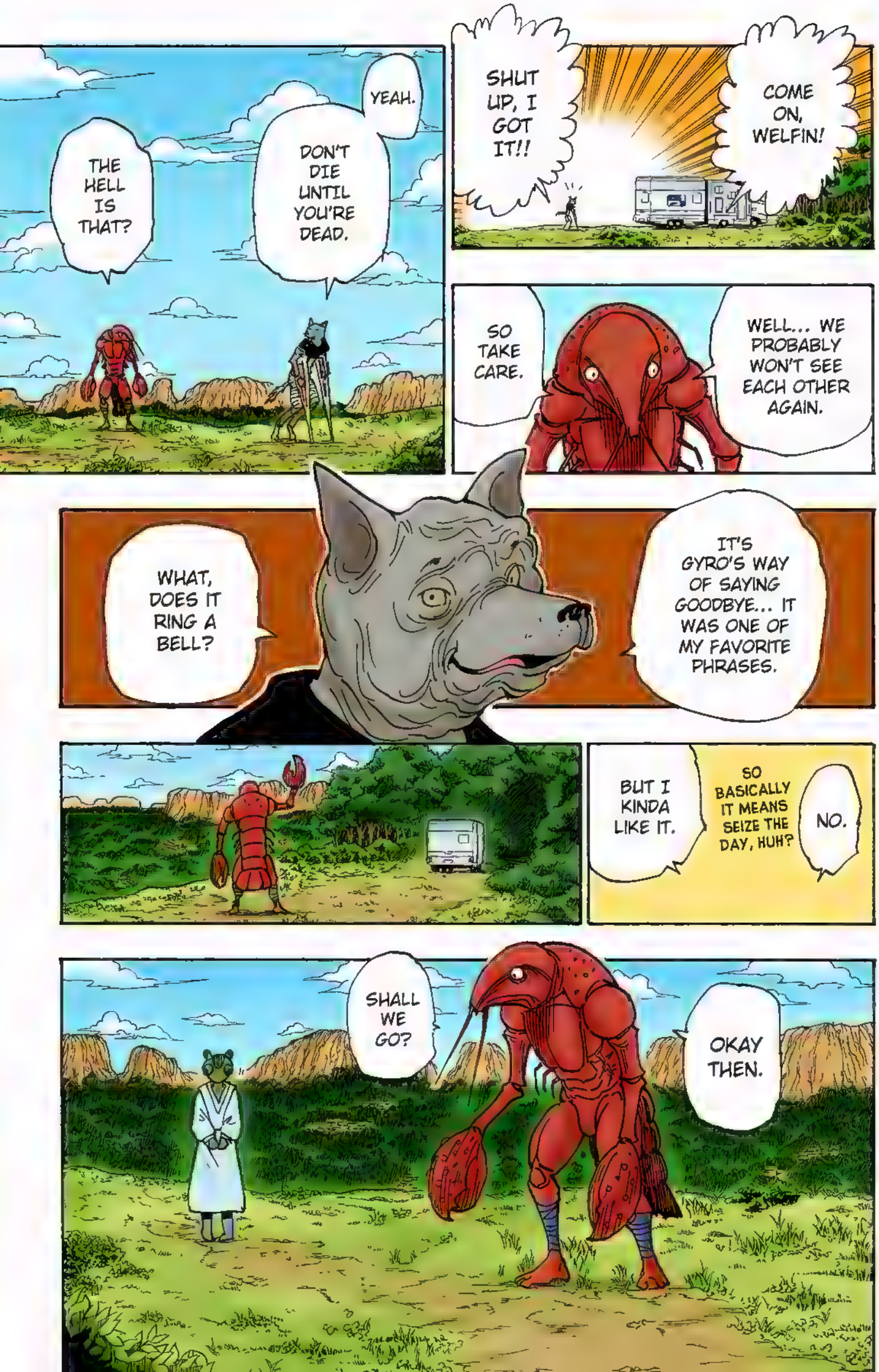
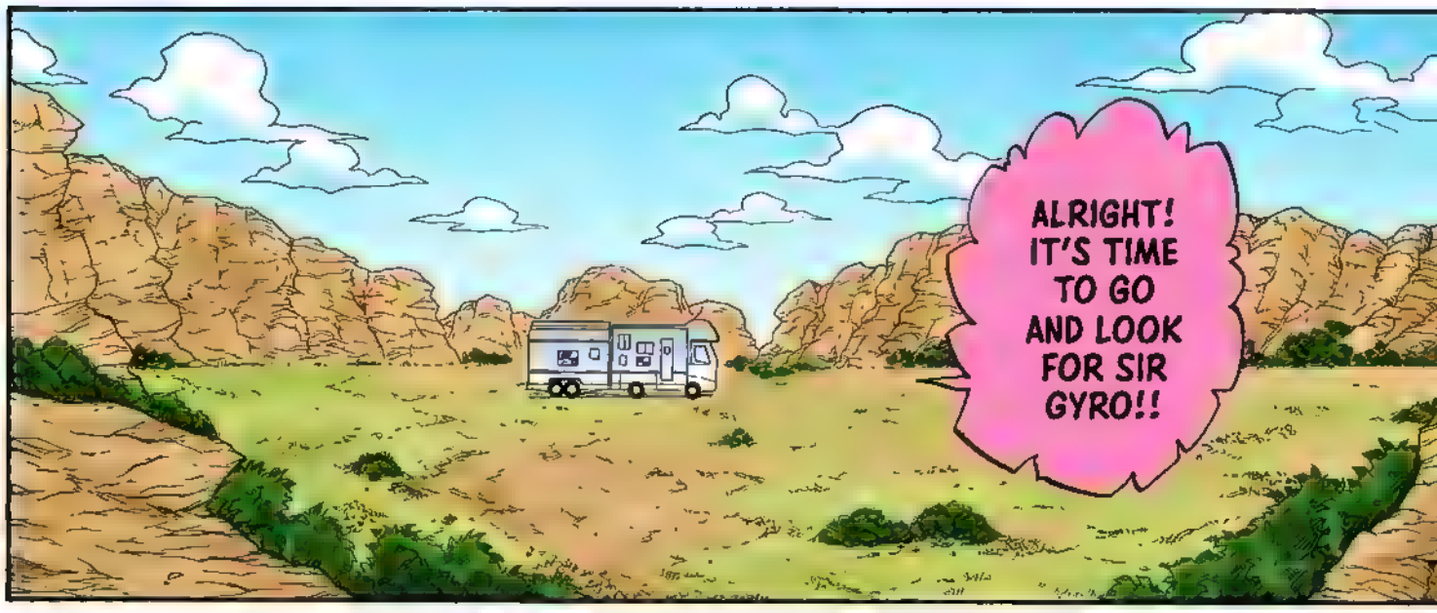
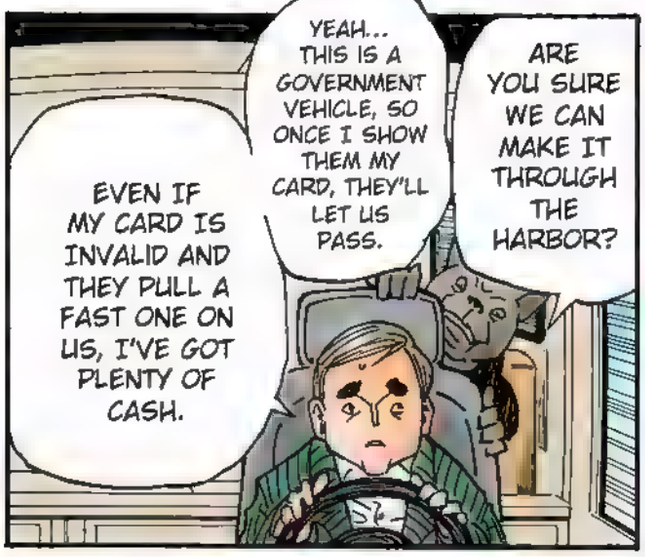

SHE'S PROBABLY JUST A LITTLE KID.

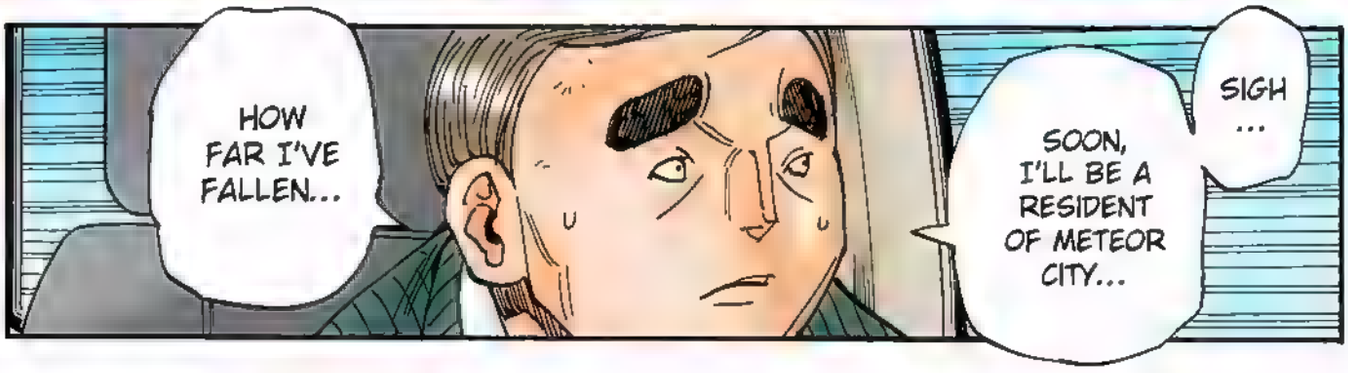
AND I CAN TELL THAT SHE "REMEMBERS" HER PAST.
I SEE.

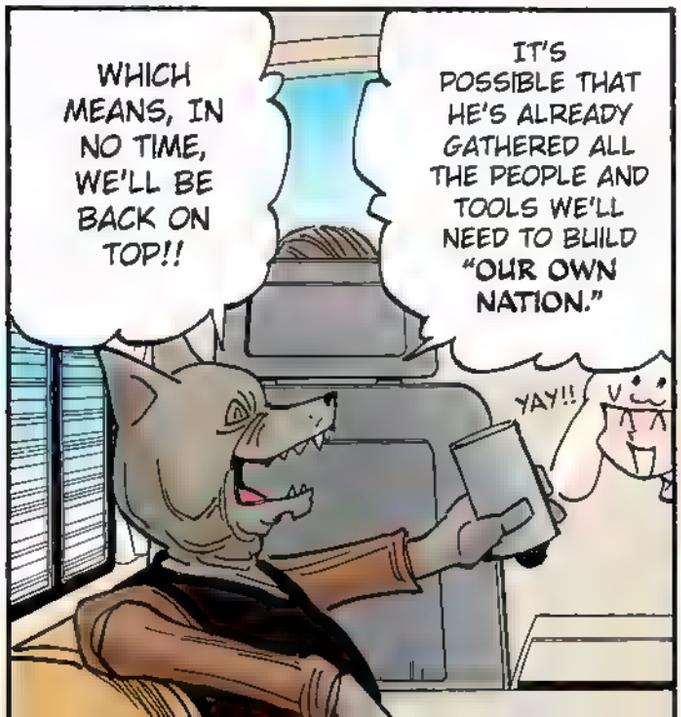

THE HELL IS THAT?
DON'T DIE UNTIL YOU'RE DEAD.
YEAH.
SHUT UP, I GOT IT!!
COME ON, WELFIN!
SO TAKE CARE.
WELL... WE PROBABLY WON'T SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.
WHAT, DOES IT RING A BELL?
IT'S GYRO'S WAY OF SAYING GOODBYE... IT WAS ONE OF MY FAVORITE PHRASES.
BUT I KINDA LIKE IT.
SO BASICALLY IT MEANS SEIZE THE DAY, HUH?
NO.
SHALL WE GO?
OKAY THEN.


ALRIGHT! IT'S TIME TO GO AND LOOK FOR SIR GYRO!!

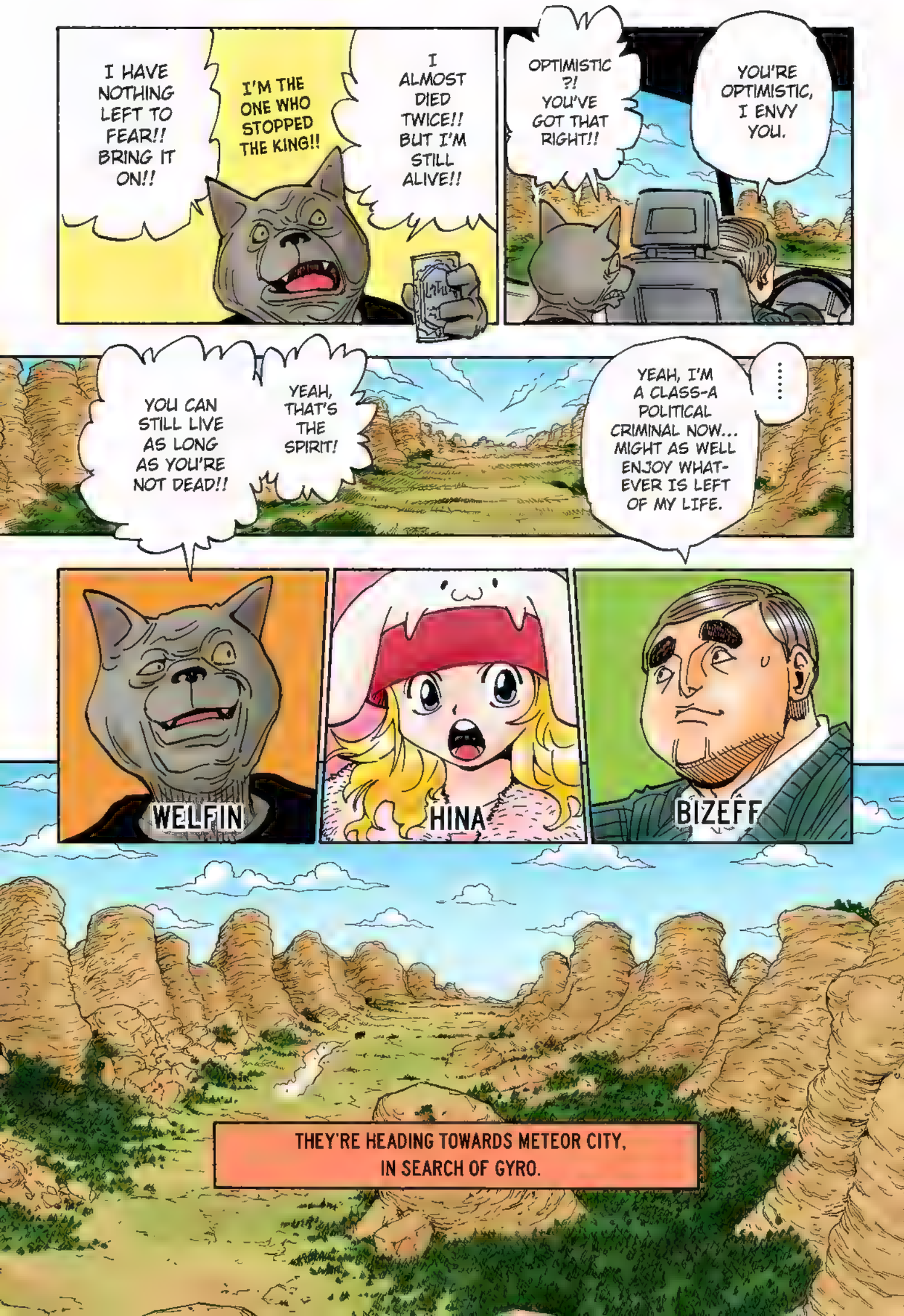

ARE YOU SURE WE CAN MAKE IT THROUGH THE HARBOR?
YEAH... THIS IS A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE, SO ONCE I SHOW THEM MY CARD, THEY'LL LET US PASS.
EVEN IF MY CARD IS INVALID AND THEY PULL A FAST ONE ON US, I'VE GOT PLENTY OF CASH.

SERIOUSLY, YOU HAVE NO SHAME. NOT SO LONG AGO, YOU WERE ALL "SIR HAGYA" THIS OR "SIR LEOL" THAT.
WHO ARE THEY AGAIN?
NO POINT IN THINKING ABOUT THE DEAD, RIGHT?
JUST GOTTA KEEP LOOKING FORWARD! STRAIGHT AHEAD!! STRAIGHT AHEAD!!


SIGH ...
SOON, I'LL BE A RESIDENT OF METEOR CITY...
HOW FAR I'VE FALLEN...


IT'S POSSIBLE THAT HE'S ALREADY GATHERED ALL THE PEOPLE AND TOOLS WE'LL NEED TO BUILD "OUR OWN NATION."
WHICH MEANS, IN NO TIME, WE'LL BE BACK ON TOP!!
YAY!!

DON'T BE SO NEGATIVE. JUST A LITTLE LONGER...
...AND I'M SURE THAT GYRO'S ALSO HEADED THERE.


I HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO FEAR!! BRING IT ON!!
I'M THE ONE WHO STOPPED THE KING!!
I ALMOST DIED TWICE!! BUT I'M STILL ALIVE!!
OPTIMISTIC ?! YOU'VE GOT THAT RIGHT!!
YOU'RE OPTIMISTIC, I ENVY YOU.
YOU CAN STILL LIVE AS LONG AS YOU'RE NOT DEAD!!
YEAH, THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
YEAH, I'M A CLASS-A POLITICAL CRIMINAL NOW... MIGHT AS WELL ENJOY WHAT-EVER IS LEFT OF MY LIFE.
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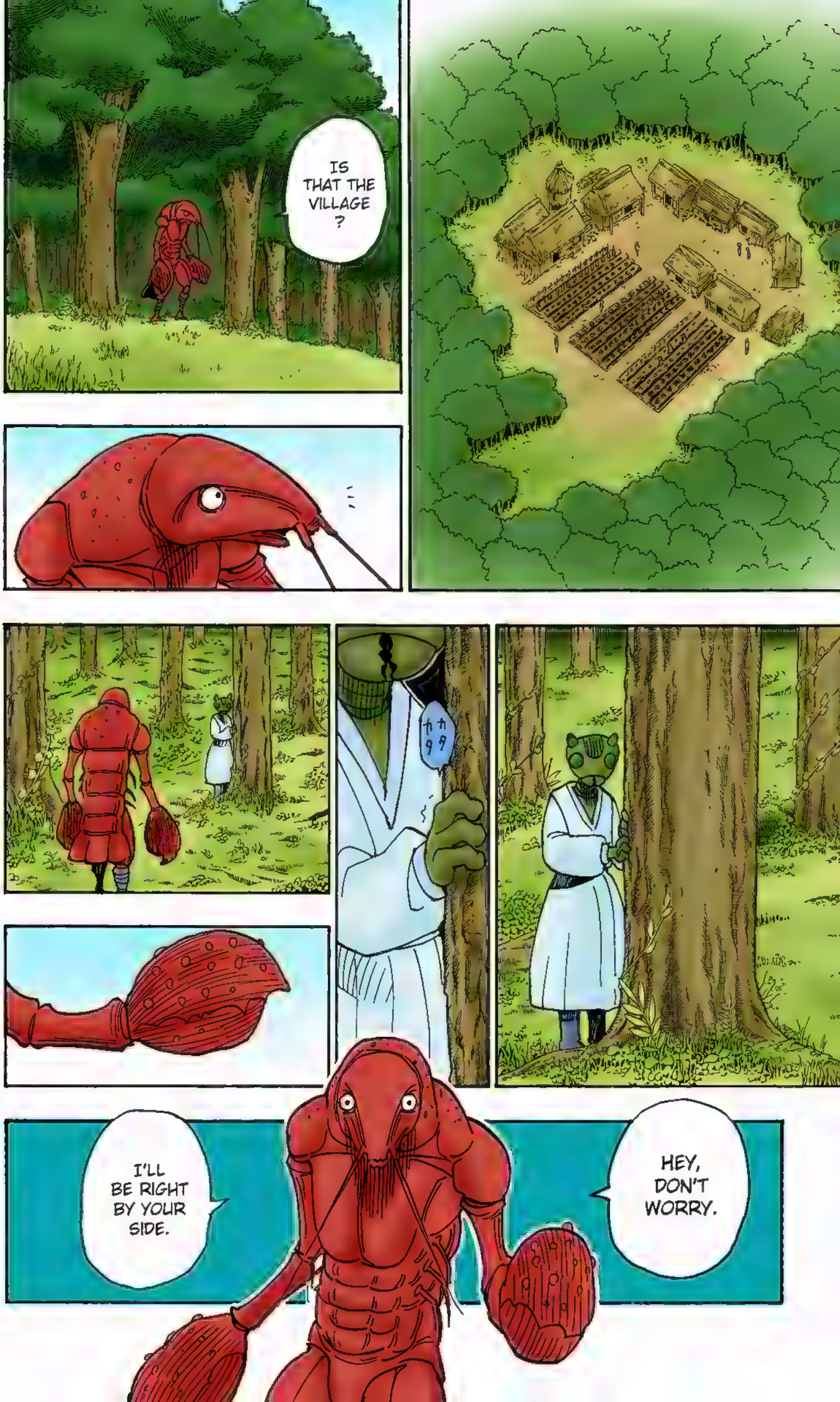
THEY'RE HEADING TOWARDS METEOR CITY, IN SEARCH OF GYRO.


IS THAT THE VILLAGE ?
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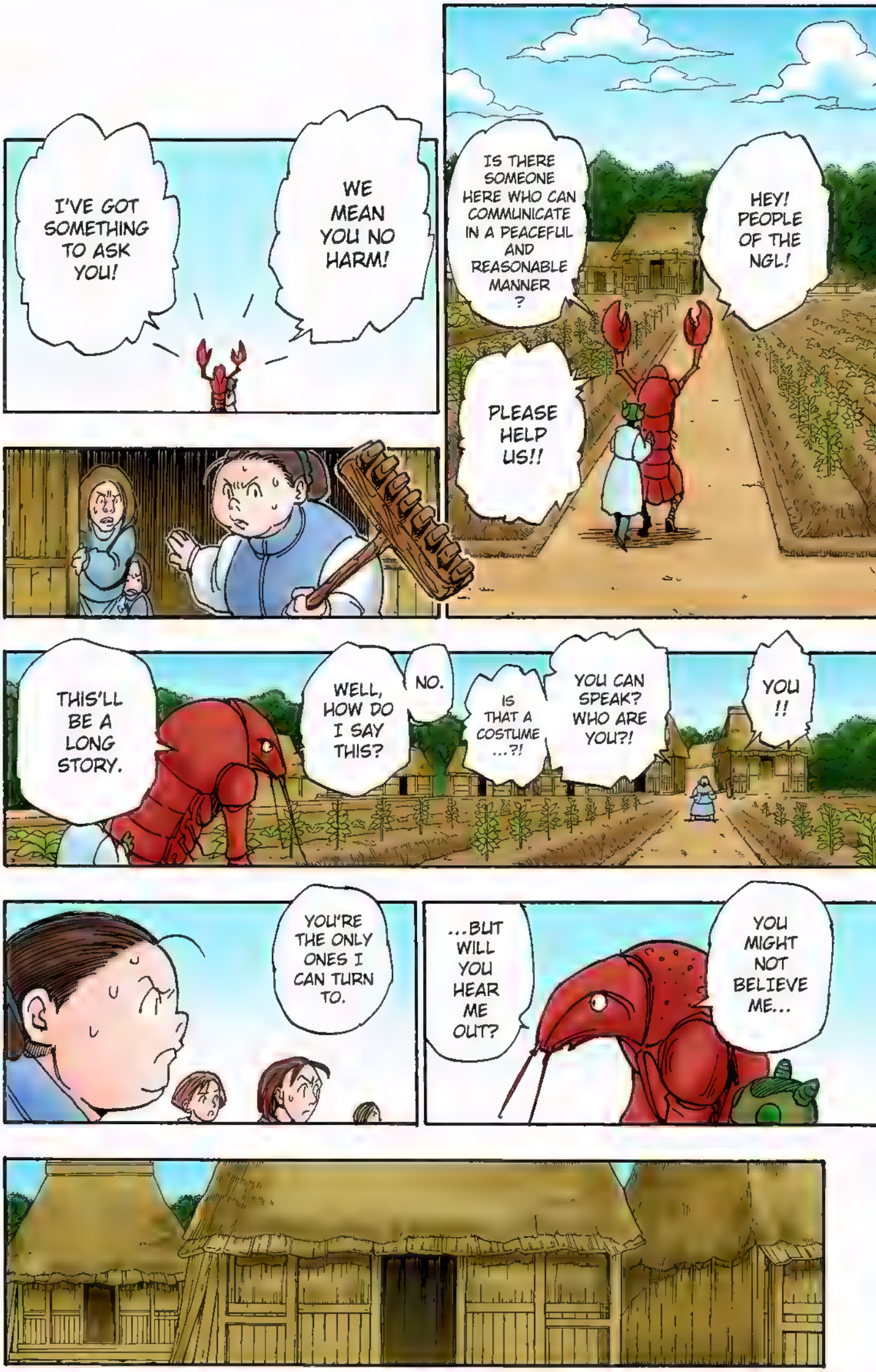
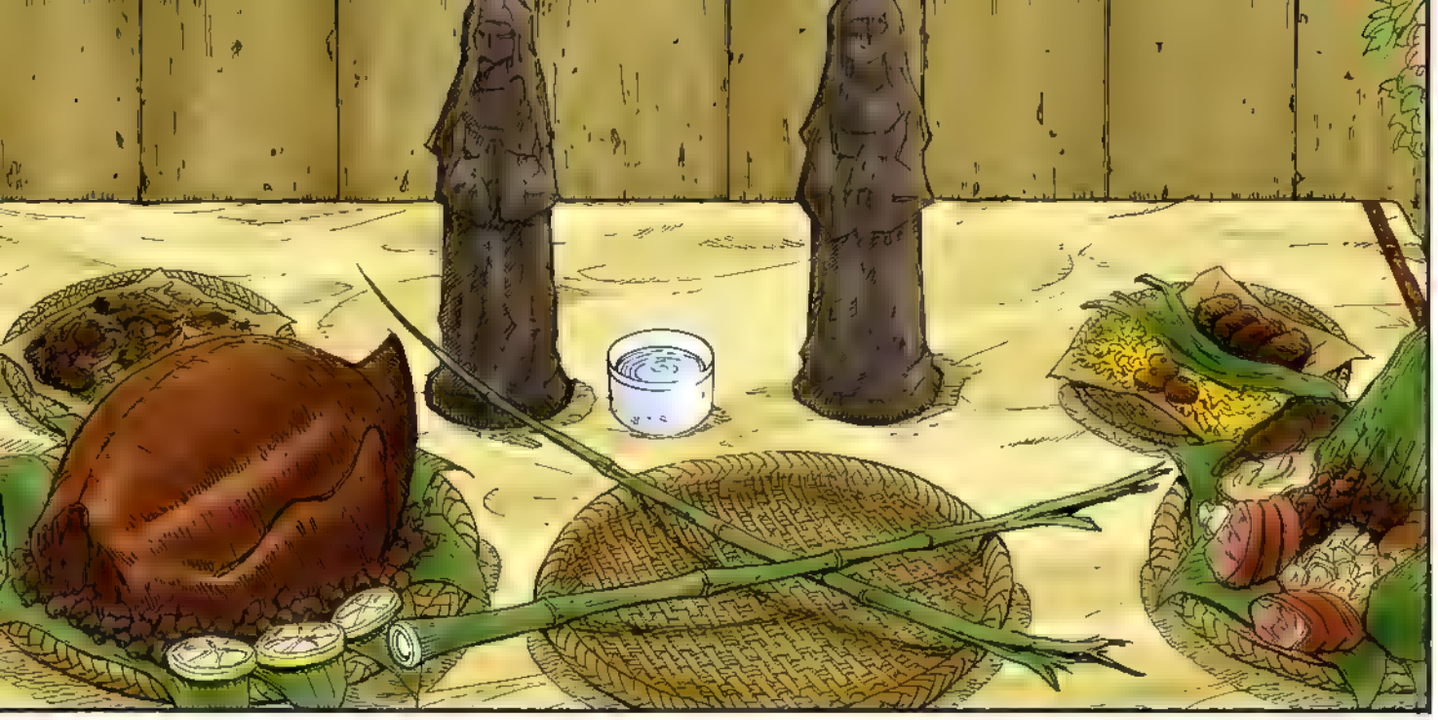
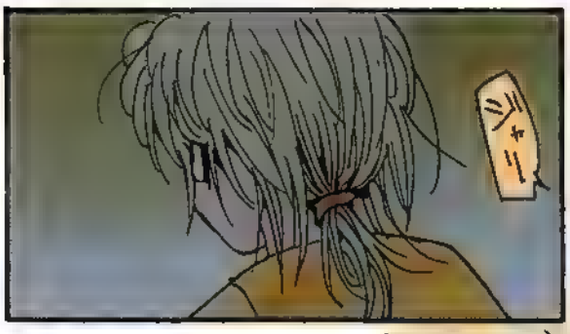
I'LL BE RIGHT BY YOUR SIDE.
HEY, DON'T WORRY.

THE MONSTERS ARE BACK!!
RUN EVERY-ONE!!
AAHH! IT'S A MONSTER !!
WELL, I CAN'T BLAME THEM.
HM.
IT'S OKAY.
I'LL BE RIGHT HERE.


I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO ASK YOU!
WE MEAN YOU NO HARM!
IS THERE SOMEONE HERE WHO CAN COMMUNICATE IN A PEACEFUL AND REASONABLE MANNER ?
HEY! PEOPLE OF THE NGL!
PLEASE HELP US!!
THIS'LL BE A LONG STORY.
WELL, HOW DO I SAY THIS?
NO.
IS THAT A COSTUME ...?!
YOU CAN SPEAK? WHO ARE YOU?!
YOU !!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONES I CAN TURN TO.
...BUT WILL YOU HEAR ME OUT?
YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE ME...

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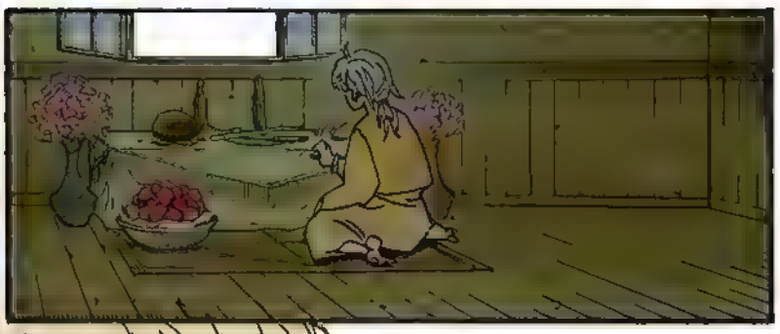

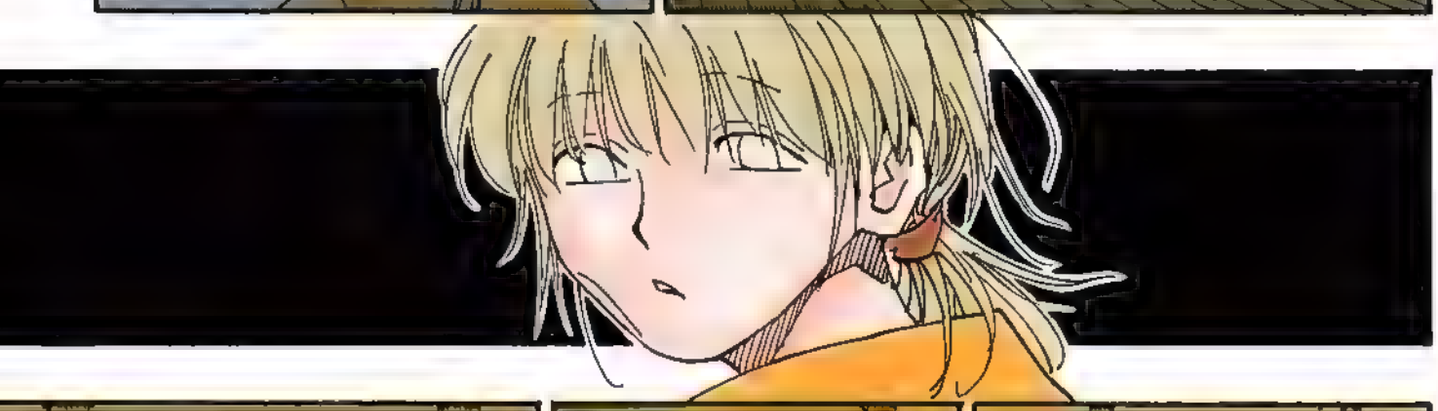

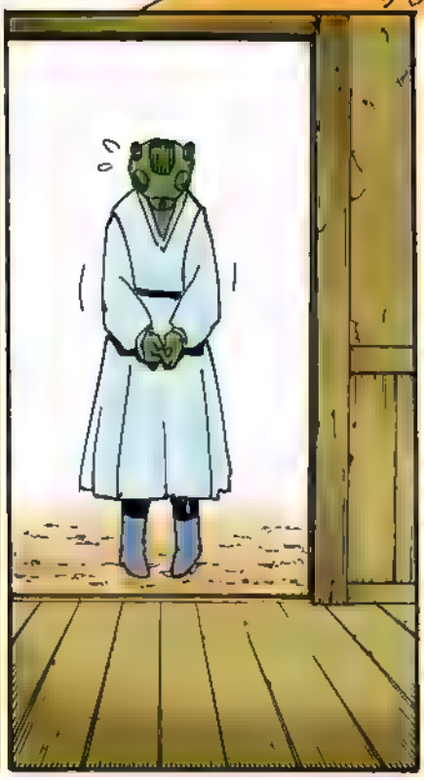

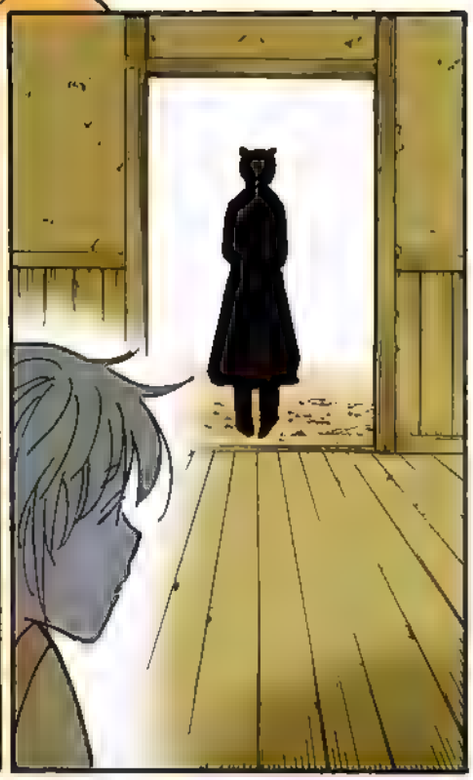

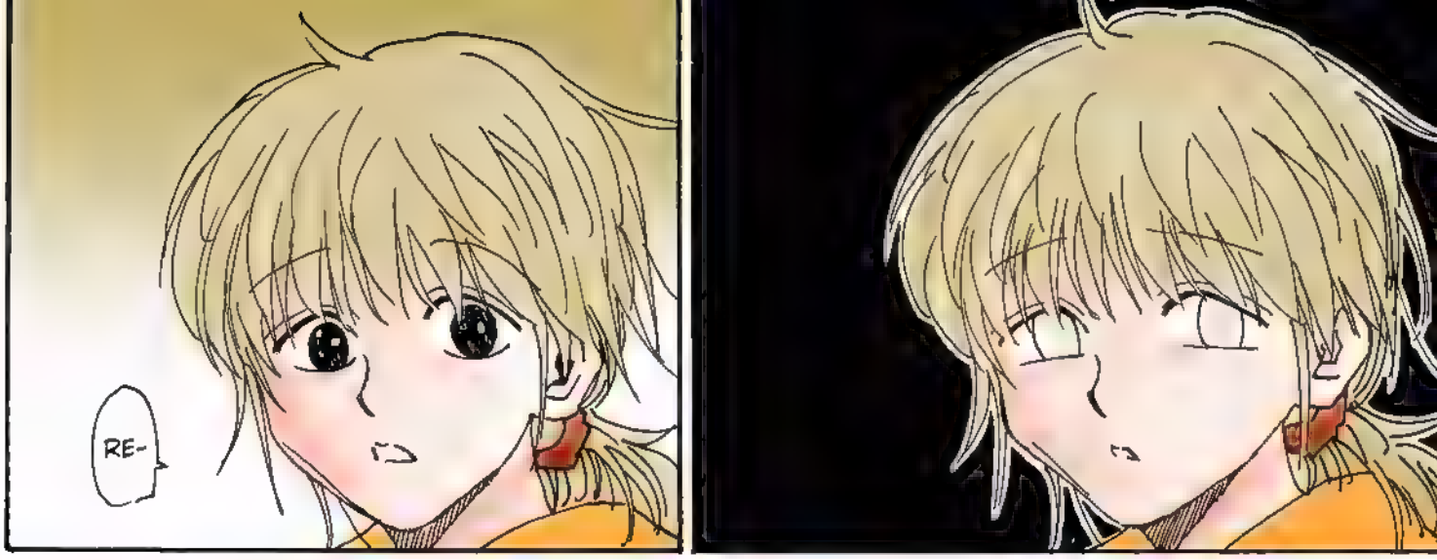
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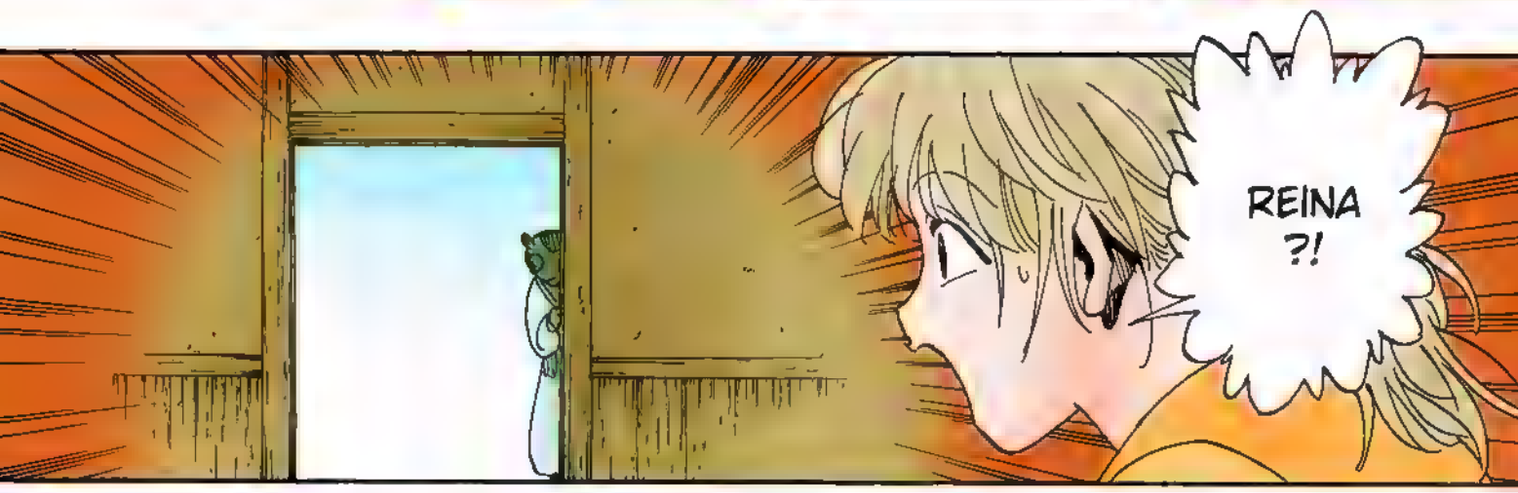
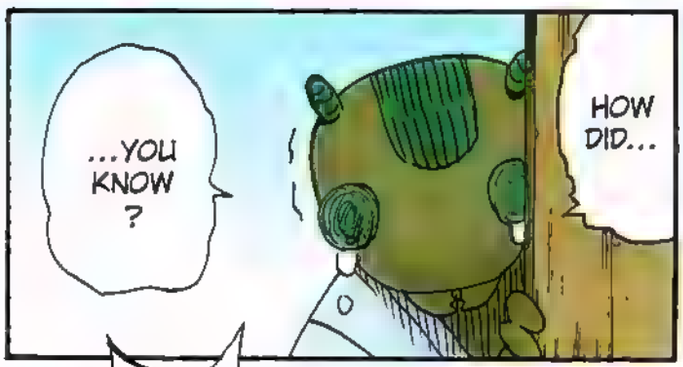
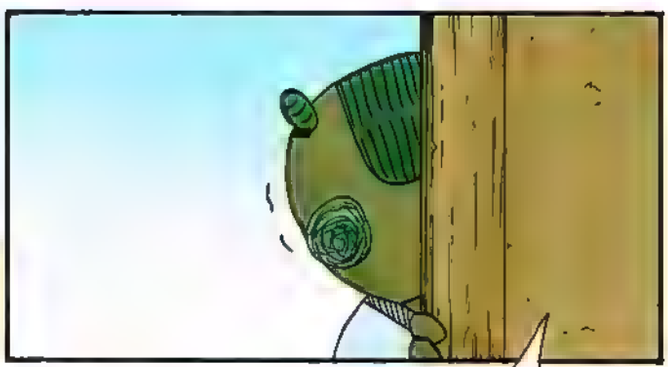
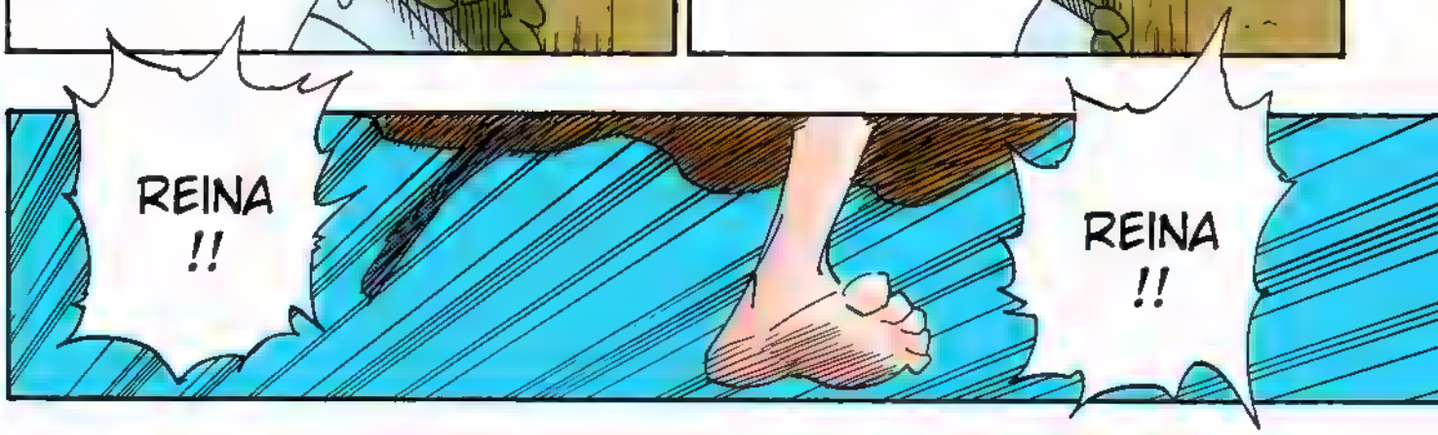
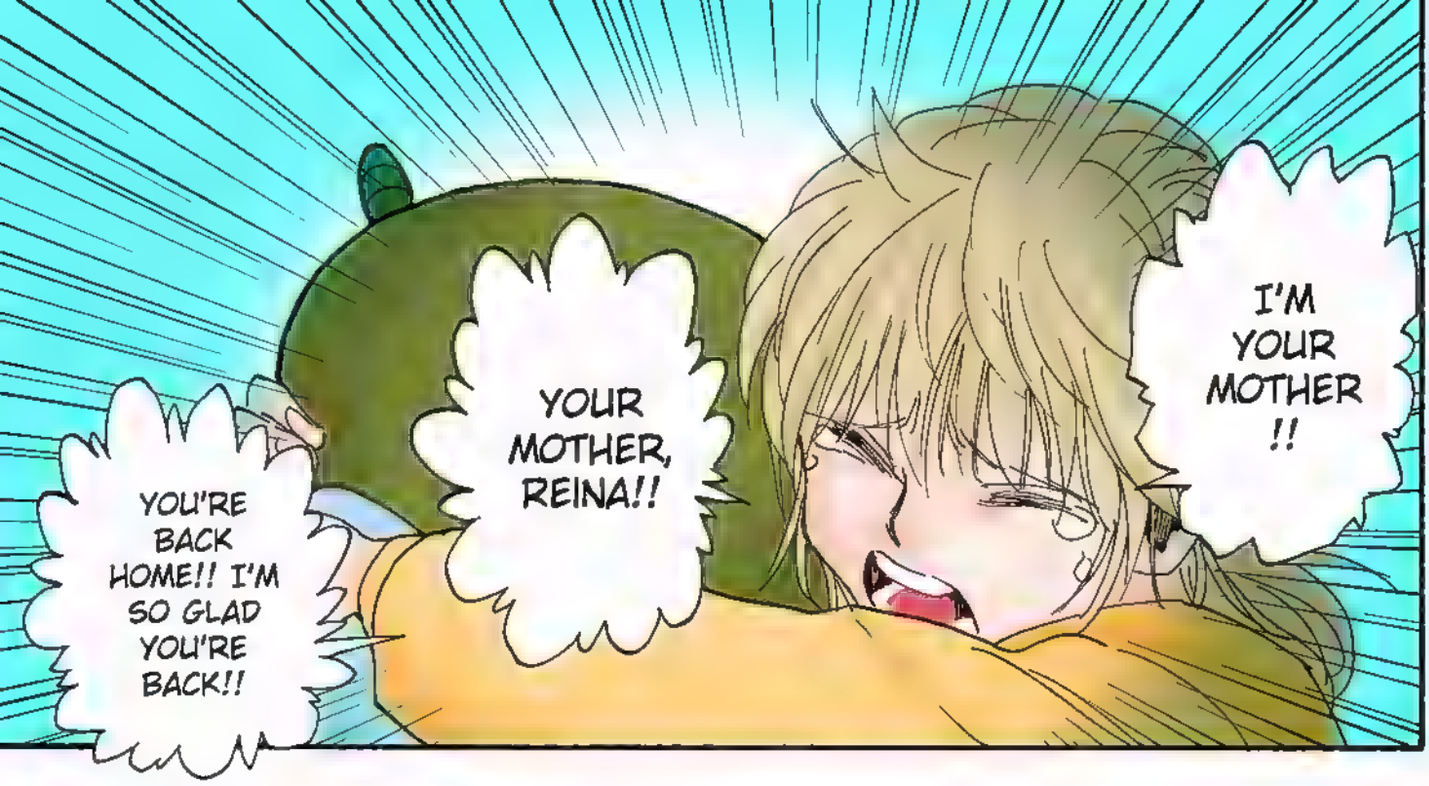

REINA ?!

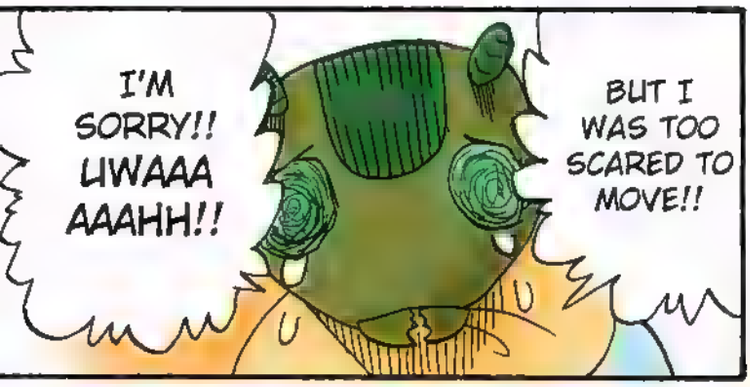

...YOU KNOW ?
HOW DID...



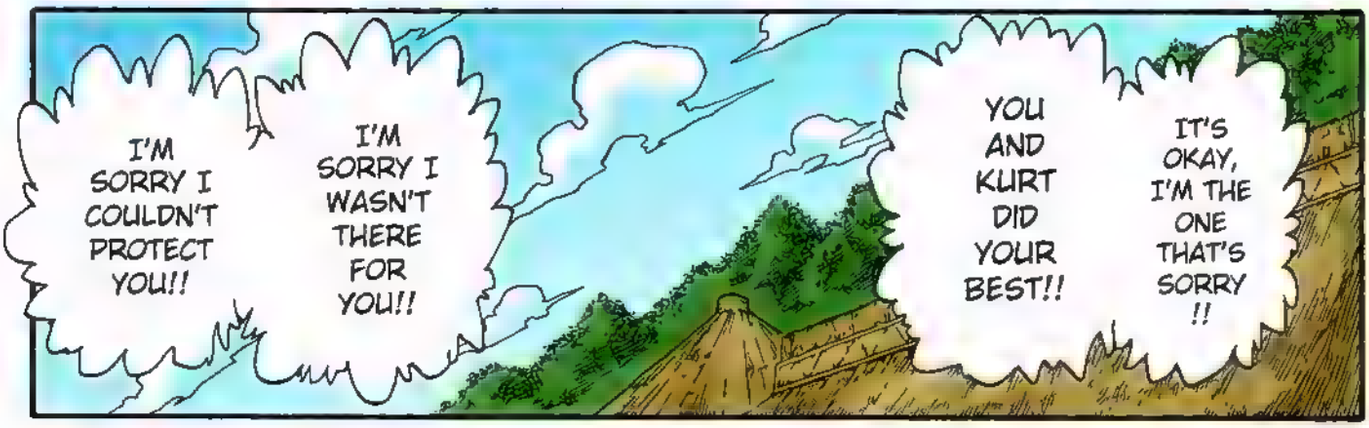

REINA !!
REINA !!

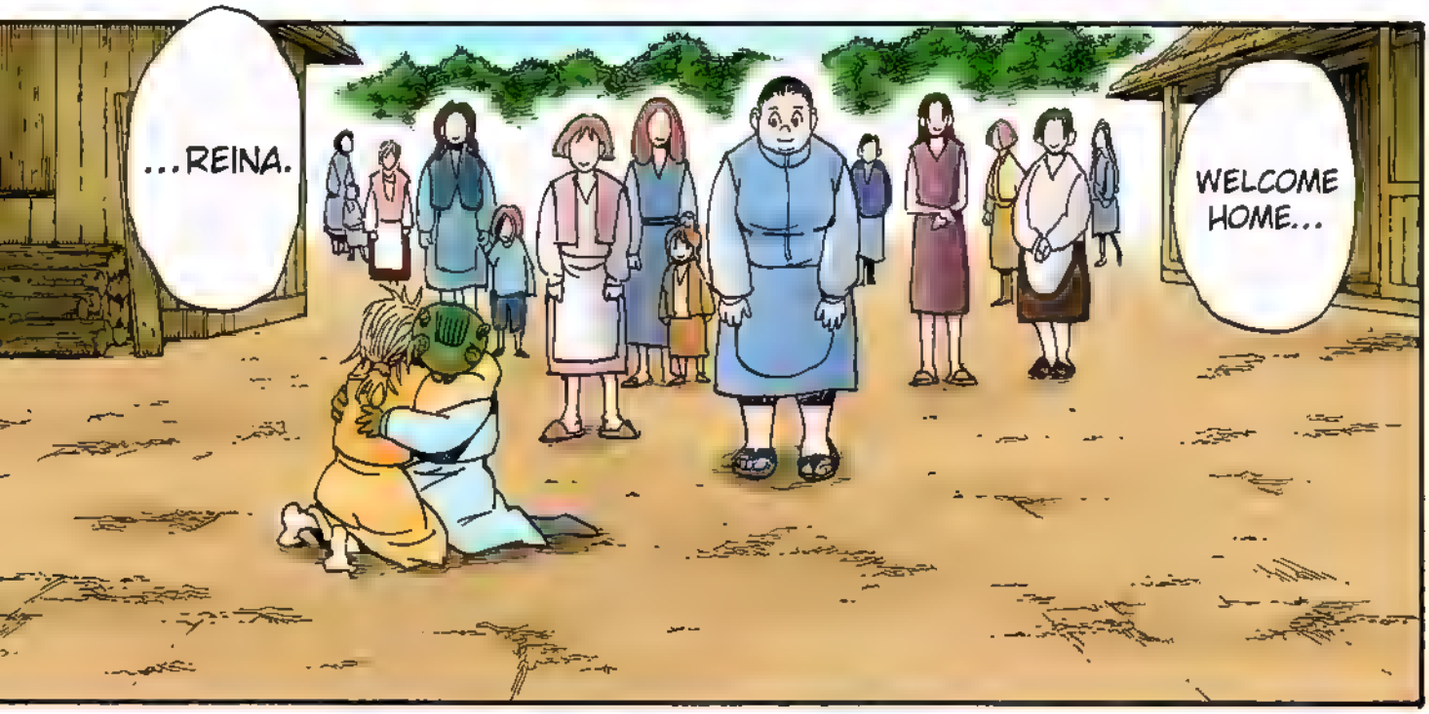
OF COURSE I CAN TELL!!
HOW DID YOU KNOW?

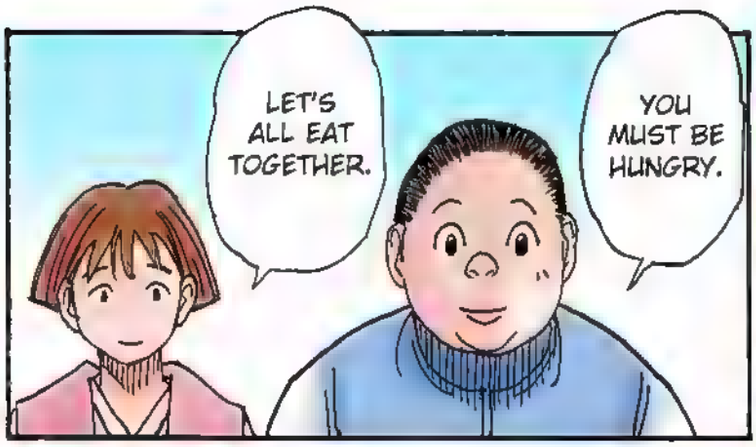

YOU'RE BACK HOME!! I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE BACK!!
YOUR MOTHER, REINA!!
I'M YOUR MOTHER !!

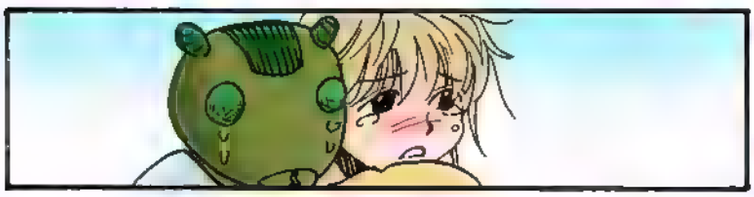

I'M SORRY!! UWAAA AAAHH!!
BUT I WAS TOO SCARED TO MOVE!!

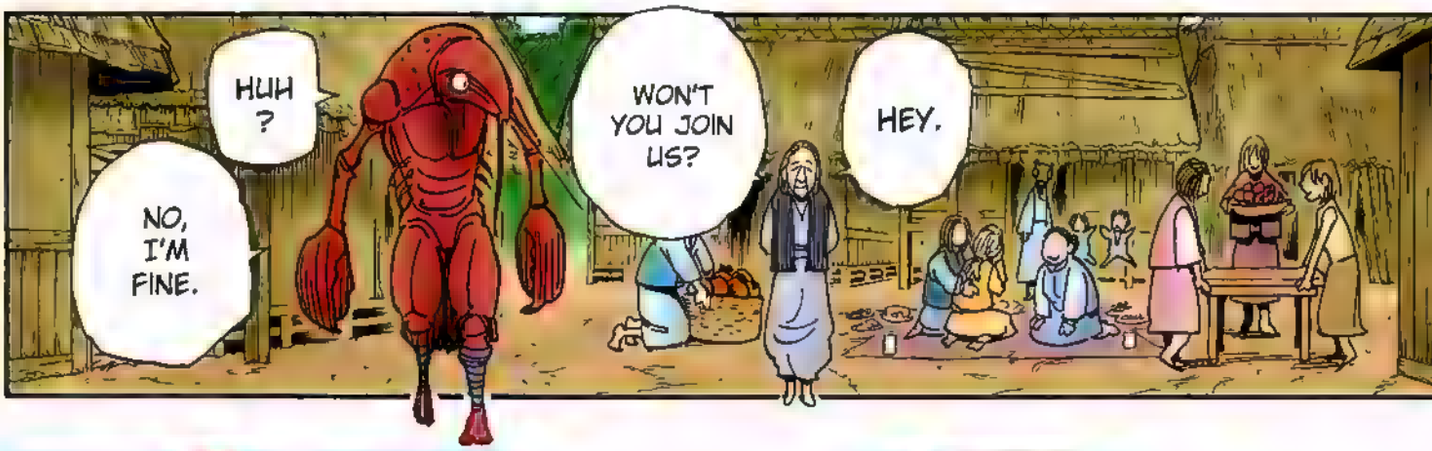
HE TOLD THE MONSTER TO GO AWAY!! AND HE TOLD ME TO RUN!!
BIG BROTHER PROTECTED ME!!

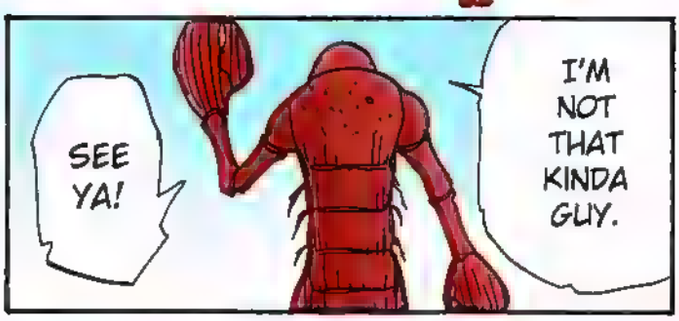

I'M SORRY I COULDN'T PROTECT YOU!!
I'M SORRY I WASN'T THERE FOR YOU!!
YOU AND KURT DID YOUR BEST!!
IT'S OKAY, I'M THE ONE THAT'S SORRY !!


...REINA.
WELCOME HOME...

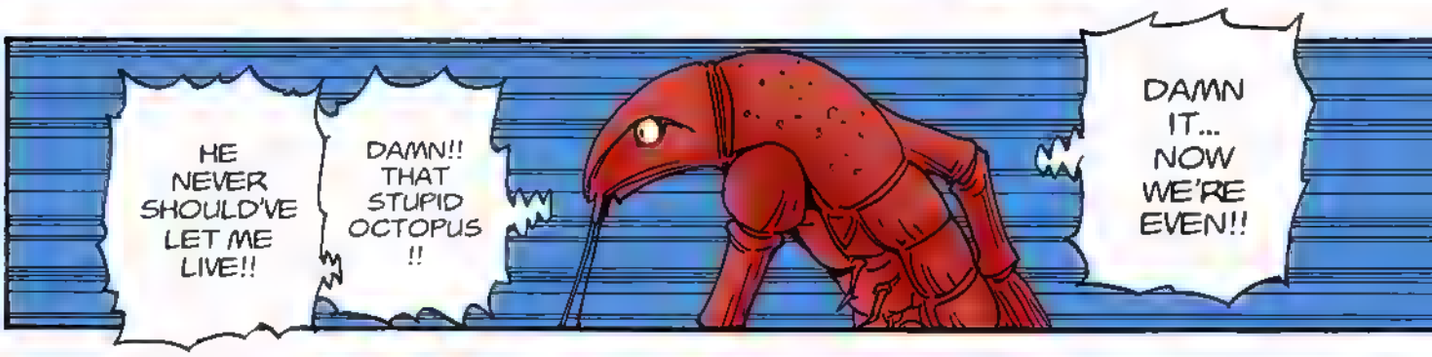

LET'S ALL EAT TOGETHER.
YOU MUST BE HUNGRY.

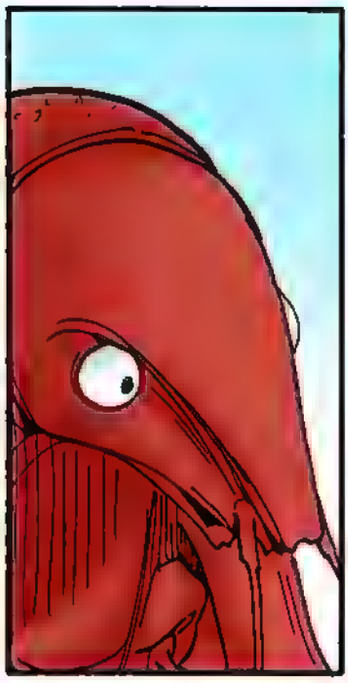


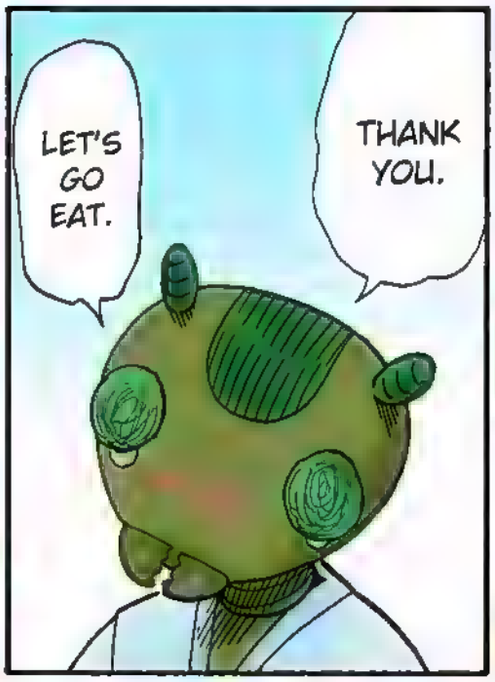

HUH ?
NO, I'M FINE.
WON'T YOU JOIN US?
HEY.

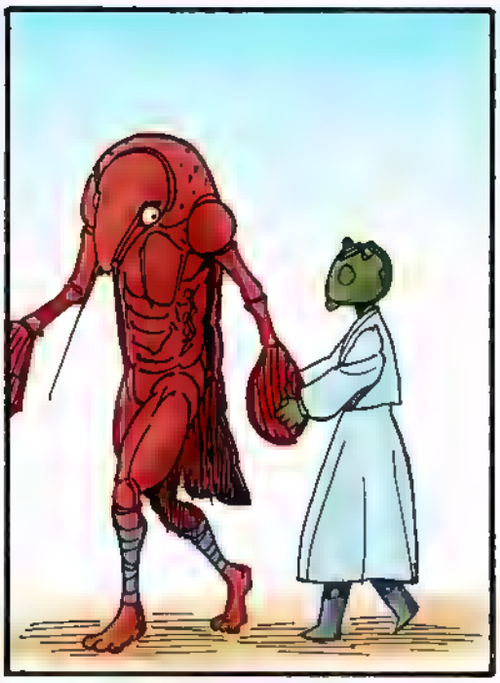

SEE YA!
I'M NOT THAT KINDA GUY.

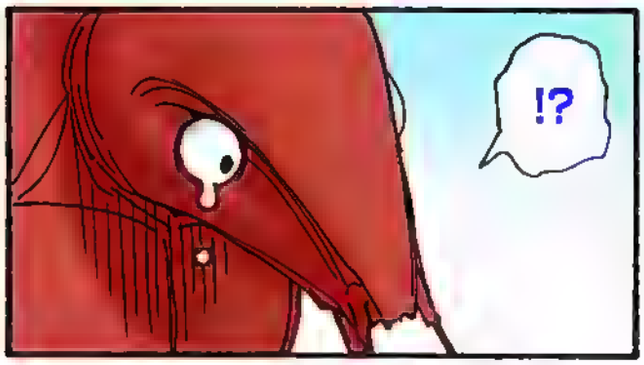
PLEASE LET US TREAT YOU.
DON'T SAY THAT... YOU BROUGHT REINA BACK.


HE NEVER SHOULD'VE LET ME LIVE!!
DAMN!! THAT STUPID OCTOPUS !!
DAMN IT... NOW WE'RE EVEN!!




LET'S GO EAT.
THANK YOU.

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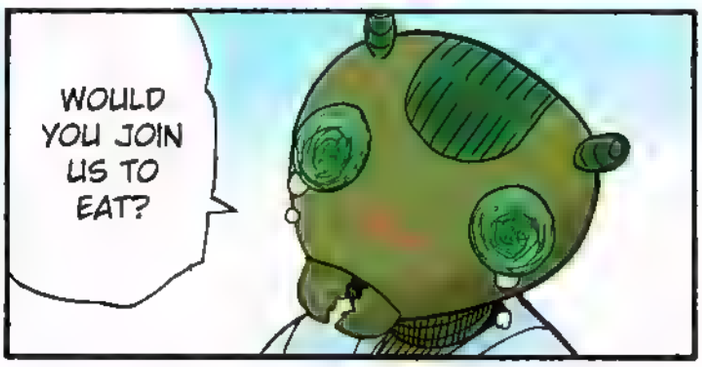
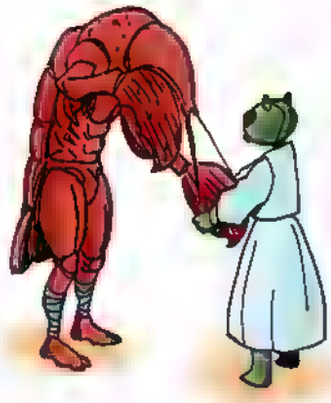

WOULD YOU JOIN US TO EAT?

WHAT'S THIS?



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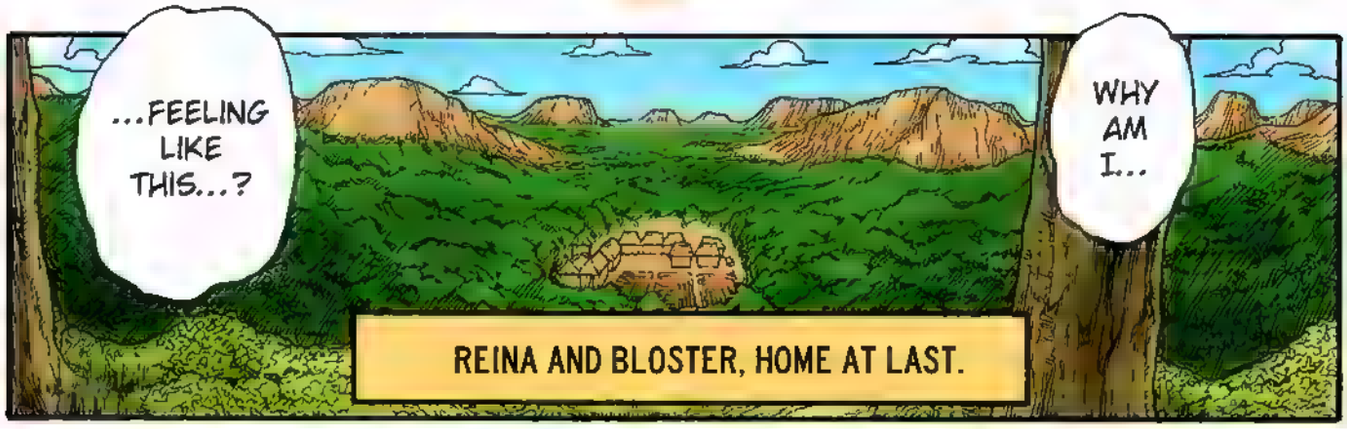
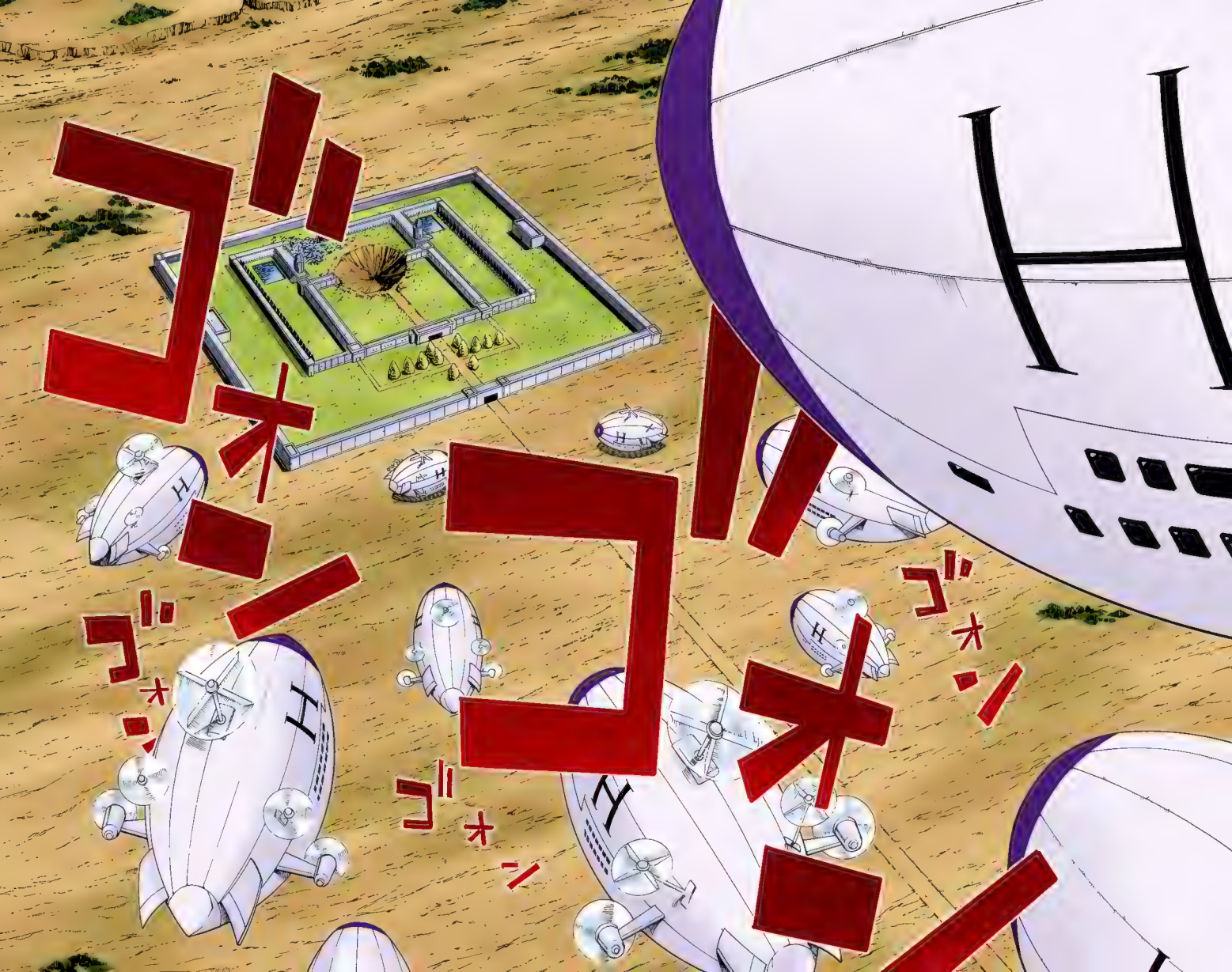

...FEELING LIKE THIS...?
WHY AM I...
REINA AND BLOSTER, HOME AT LAST.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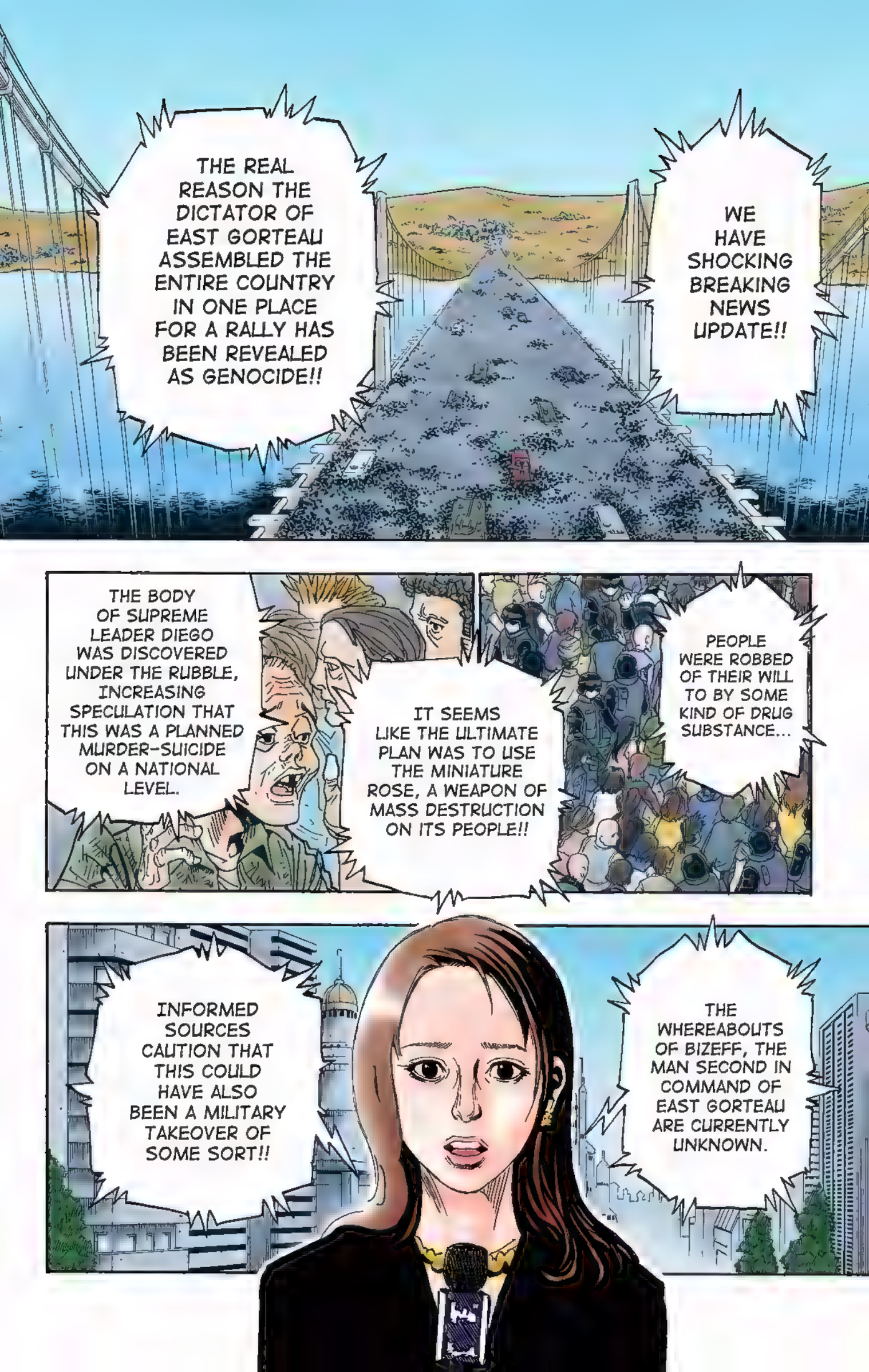
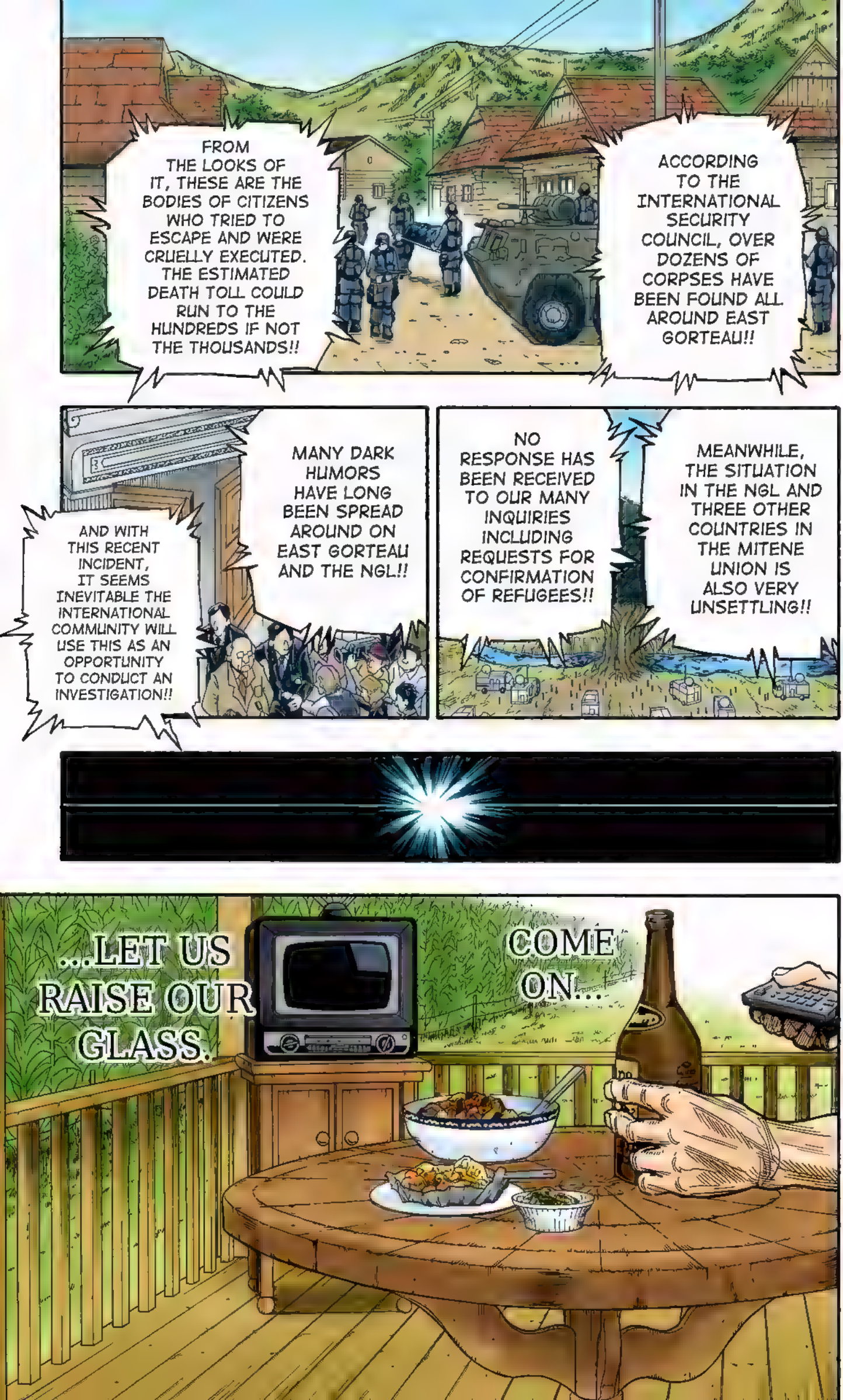
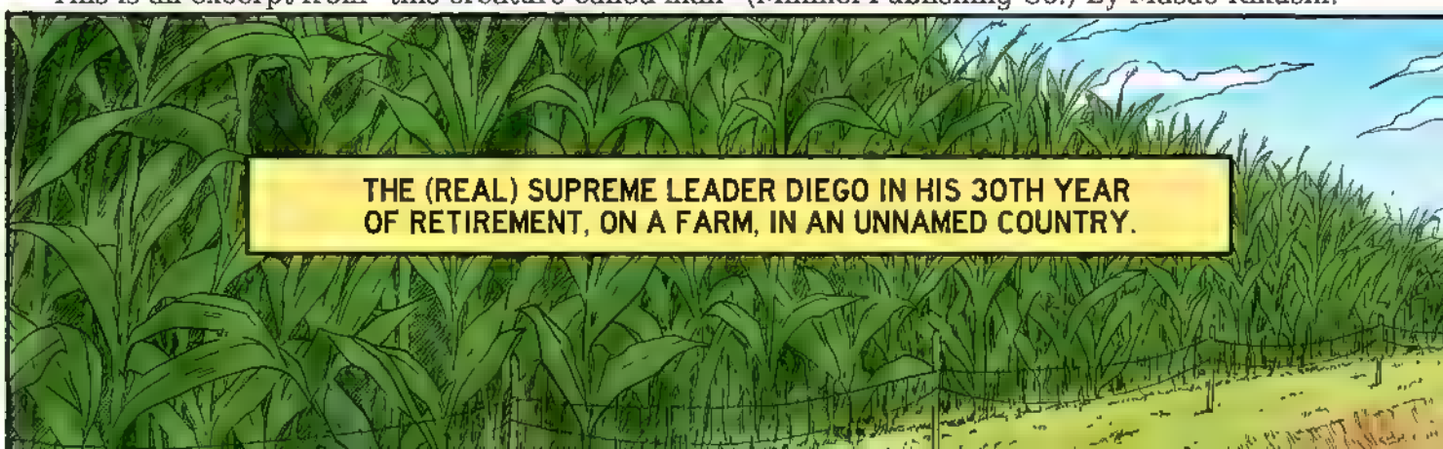
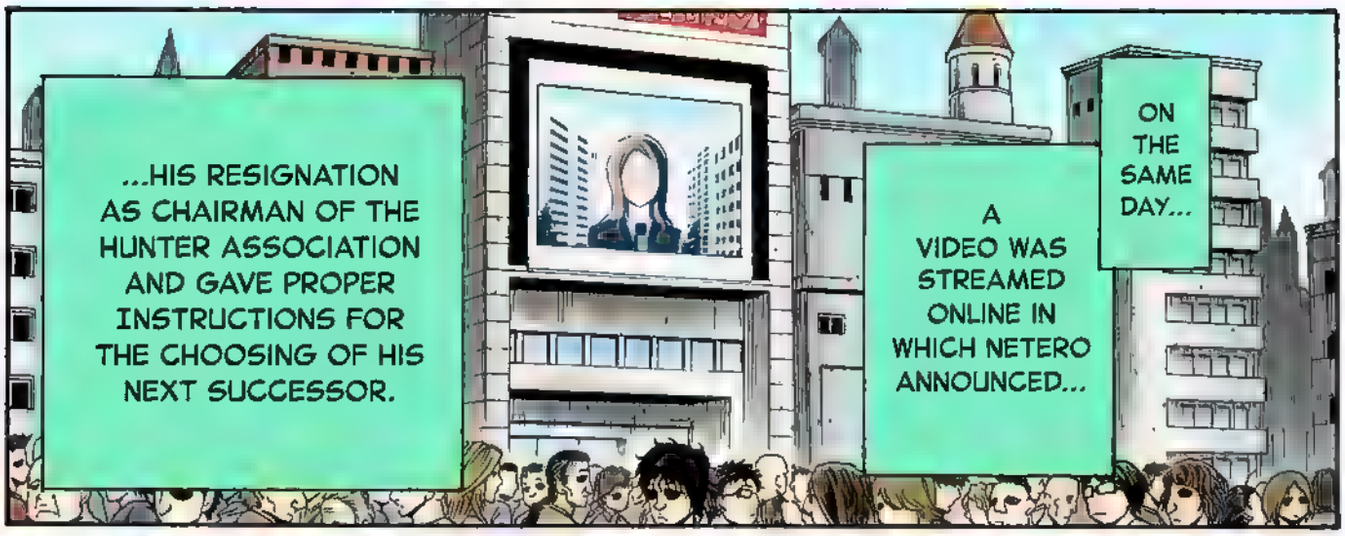

THE REAL REASON THE DICTATOR OF EAST GORTEAU ASSEMBLED THE ENTIRE COUNTRY IN ONE PLACE FOR A RALLY HAS BEEN REVEALED AS GENOCIDE!!
WE HAVE SHOCKING BREAKING NEWS UPDATE!!
THE BODY OF SUPREME LEADER DIEGO WAS DISCOVERED UNDER THE RUBBLE, INCREASING SPECULATION THAT THIS WAS A PLANNED MURDER-SUICIDE ON A NATIONAL LEVEL.
IT SEEMS LIKE THE ULTIMATE PLAN WAS TO USE THE MINIATURE ROSE, A WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION ON ITS PEOPLE!!
PEOPLE WERE ROBBED OF THEIR WILL TO BY SOME KIND OF DRUG SUBSTANCE...
INFORMED SOURCES CAUTION THAT THIS COULD HAVE ALSO BEEN A MILITARY TAKEOVER OF SOME SORT!!
THE WHEREABOUTS OF BIZEFF, THE MAN SECOND IN COMMAND OF EAST GORTEAU ARE CURRENTLY UNKNOWN.

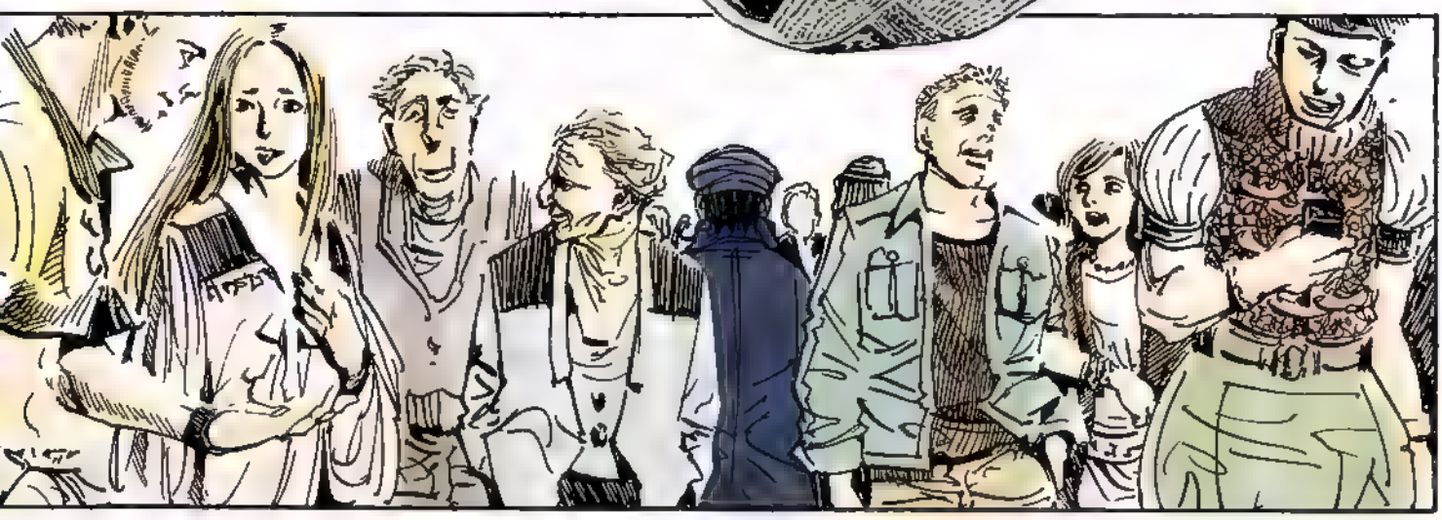

FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, THESE ARE THE BODIES OF CITIZENS WHO TRIED TO ESCAPE AND WERE CRUELLY EXECUTED. THE ESTIMATED DEATH TOLL COULD RUN TO THE HUNDREDS IF NOT THE THOUSANDS!!
ACCORDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, OVER DOZENS OF CORPSES HAVE BEEN FOUND ALL AROUND EAST GORTEAU!!
AND WITH THIS RECENT INCIDENT, IT SEEMS INEVITABLE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL USE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION!!
MANY DARK HUMORS HAVE LONG BEEN SPREAD AROUND ON EAST GORTEAU AND THE NGL!!
NO RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO OUR MANY INQUIRIES INCLUDING REQUESTS FOR CONFIRMATION OF REFUGEES!!
MEANWHILE, THE SITUATION IN THE NGL AND THREE OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE MITENE UNION IS ALSO VERY UNSETTLING!!
...LET US RAISE OUR GLASS.
COME ON...

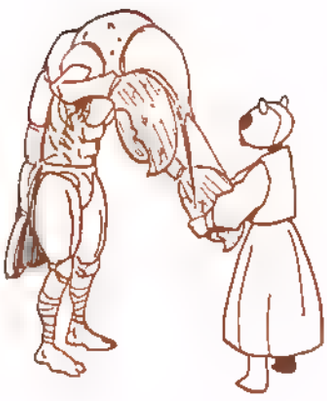
This is an excerpt from "this creature called man" (Minmei Publishing Co.) By Masao Kikushi.

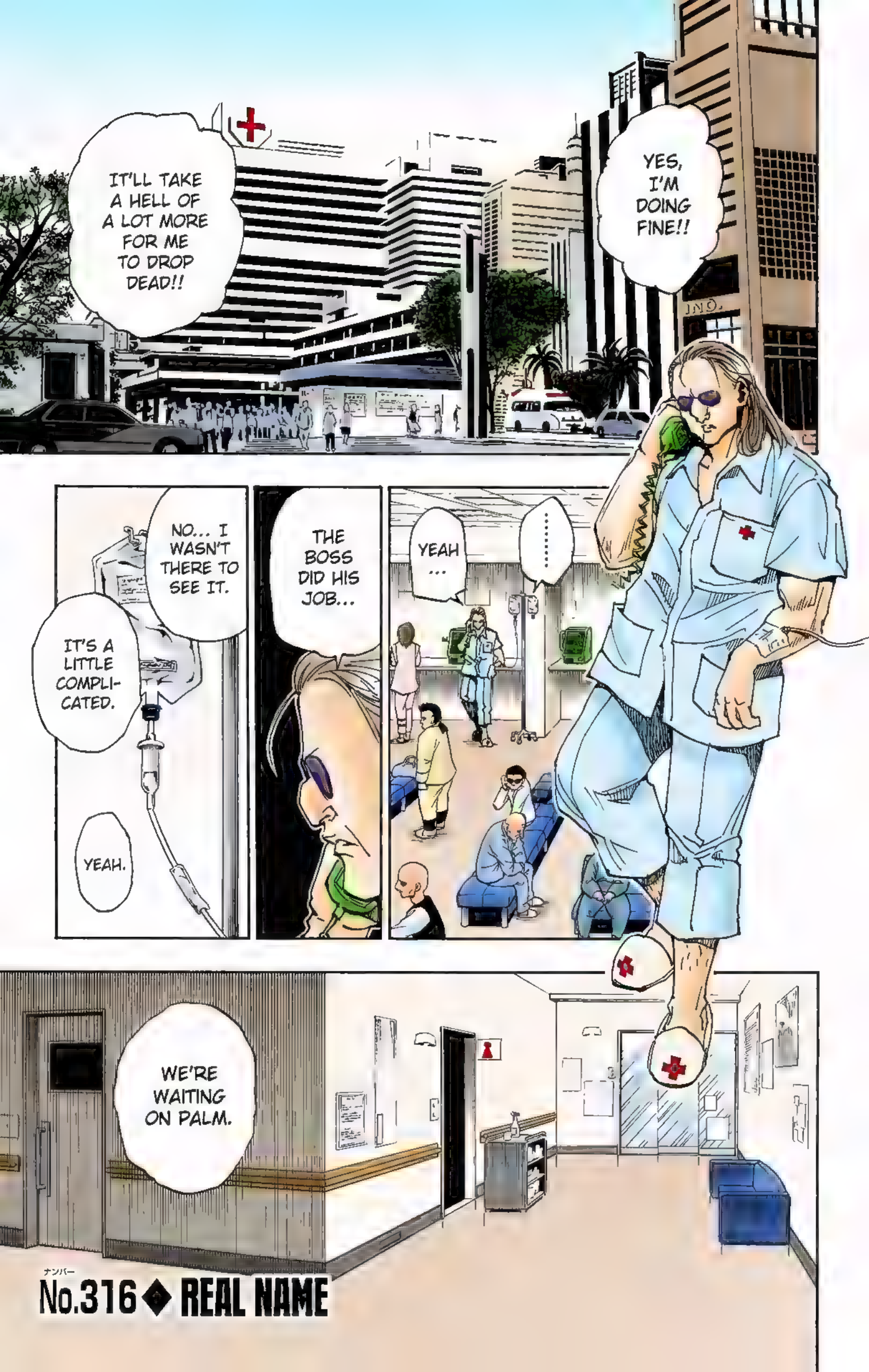



...HIS RESIGNATION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION AND GAVE PROPER INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CHOOSING OF HIS NEXT SUCCESSOR.
A VIDEO WAS STREAMED ONLINE IN WHICH NETERO ANNOUNCED...
ON THE SAME DAY...

ONLY A SELECT FEW UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WAS HIS LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.
HOWEVER, BIGGER NEWS STORIES IN THE GOVERNMENT-RUN MEDIA OVERSHADOWED IT.





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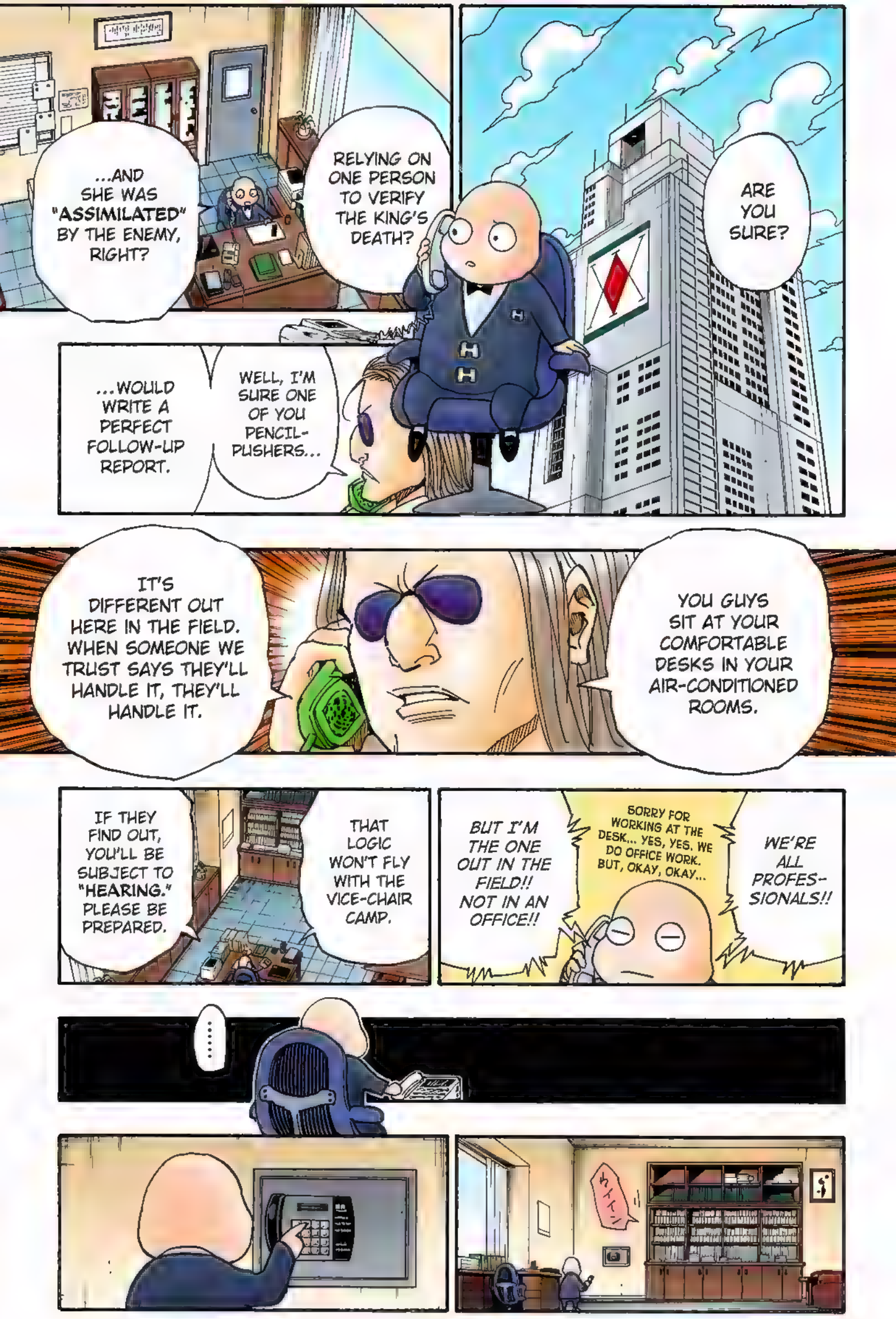
...AND SHE WAS "ASSIMILATED" BY THE ENEMY, RIGHT?
RELYING ON ONE PERSON TO VERIFY THE KING'S DEATH?
ARE YOU SURE?
...WOULD WRITE A PERFECT FOLLOW-UP REPORT.
WELL, I'M SURE ONE OF YOU PENCIL-PUSHERS...
IT'S DIFFERENT OUT HERE IN THE FIELD. WHEN SOMEONE WE TRUST SAYS THEY'LL HANDLE IT, THEY'LL HANDLE IT.
YOU GUYS SIT AT YOUR COMFORTABLE DESKS IN YOUR AIR-CONDITIONED ROOMS.
IF THEY FIND OUT, YOU'LL BE SUBJECT TO "HEARING." PLEASE BE PREPARED.
THAT LOGIC WON'T FLY WITH THE VICE-CHAIR CAMP.
BUT I'M THE ONE OUT IN THE FIELD!! NOT IN AN OFFICE!!
SORRY FOR WORKING AT THE DESK... YES, YES, WE DO OFFICE WORK. BUT, OKAY, OKAY...
WE'RE ALL PROFES-SIONALS!!
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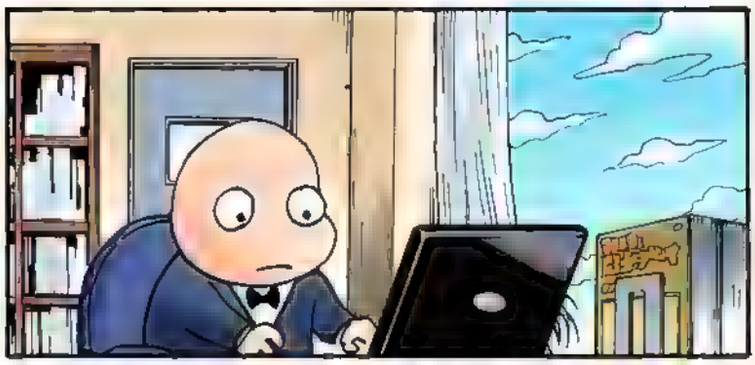

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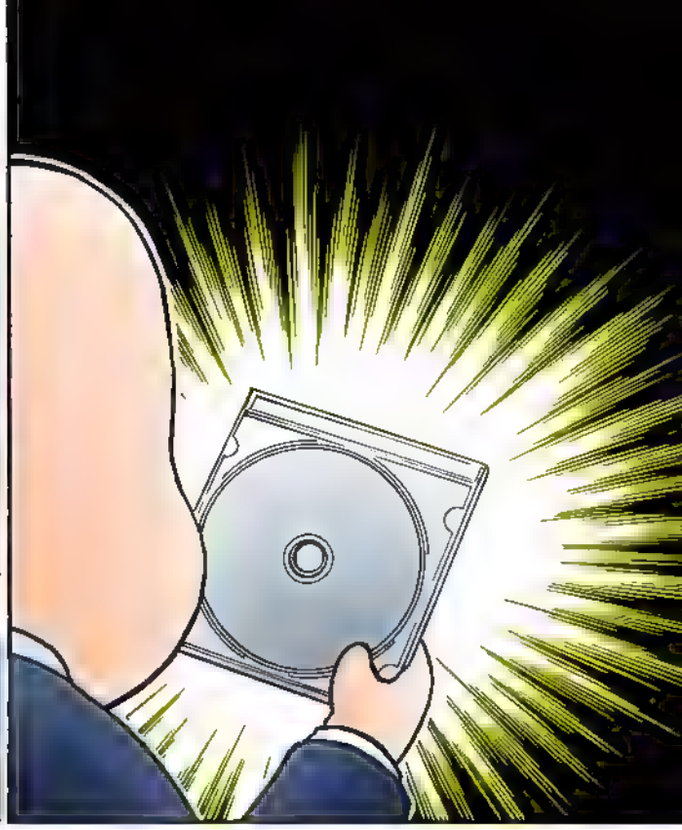
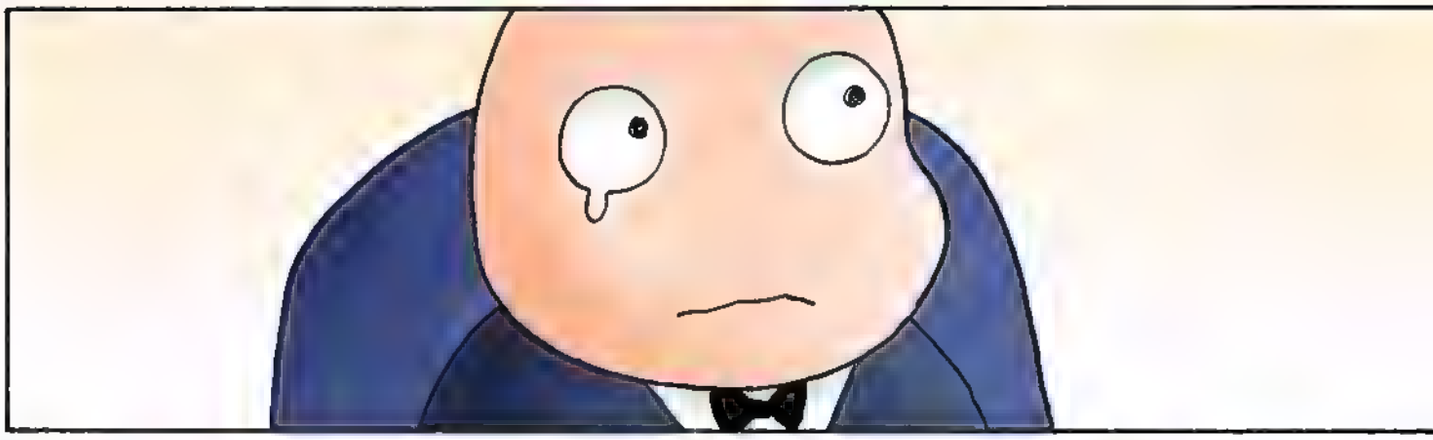
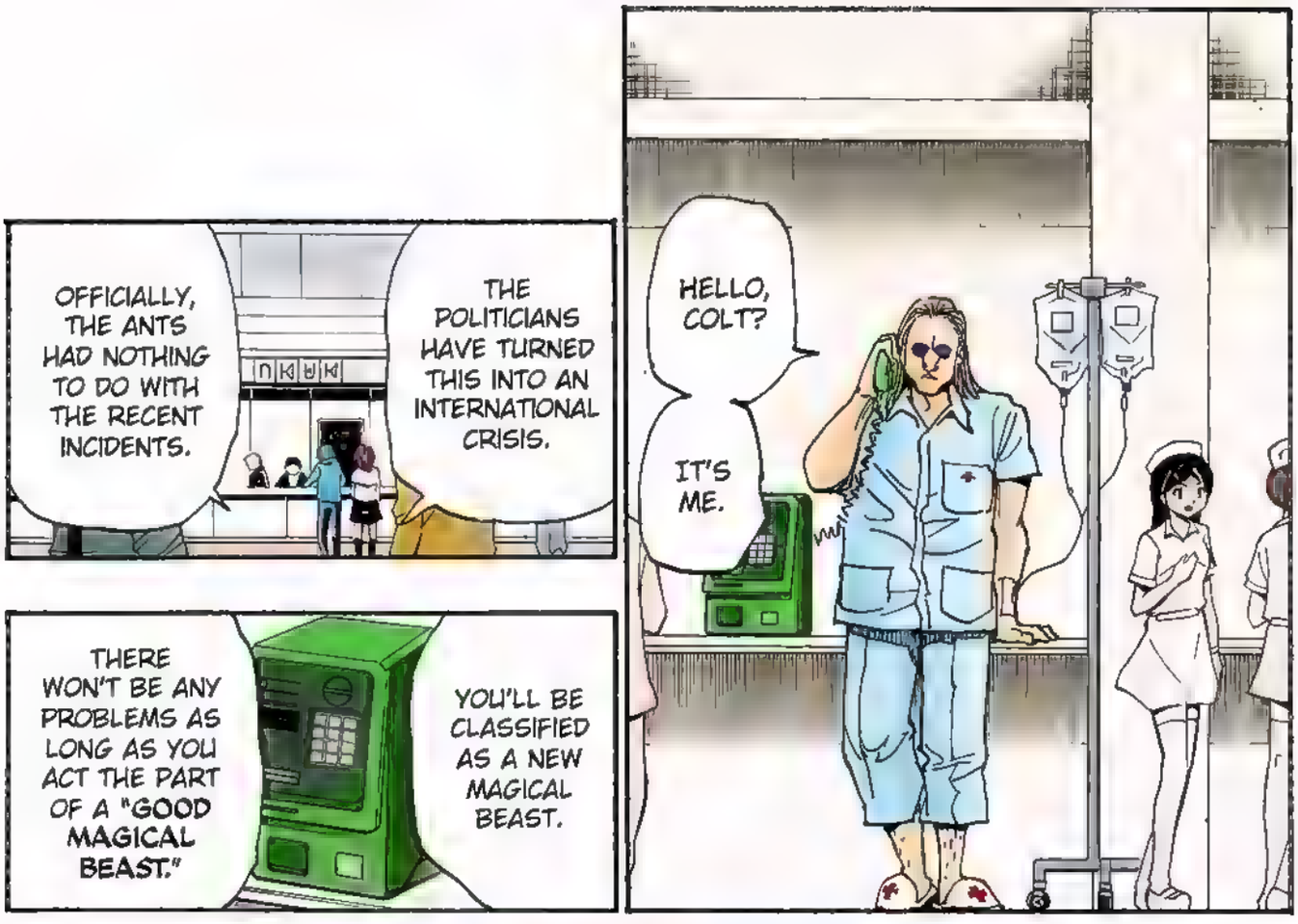
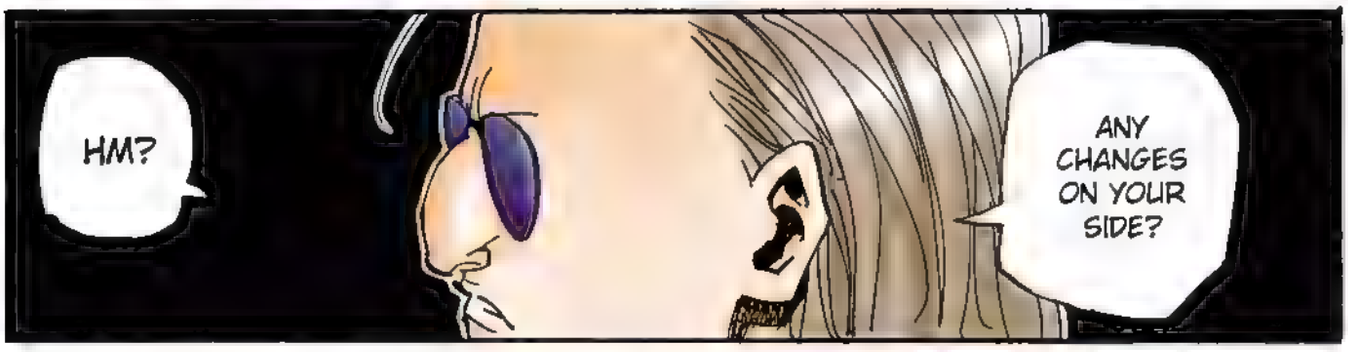
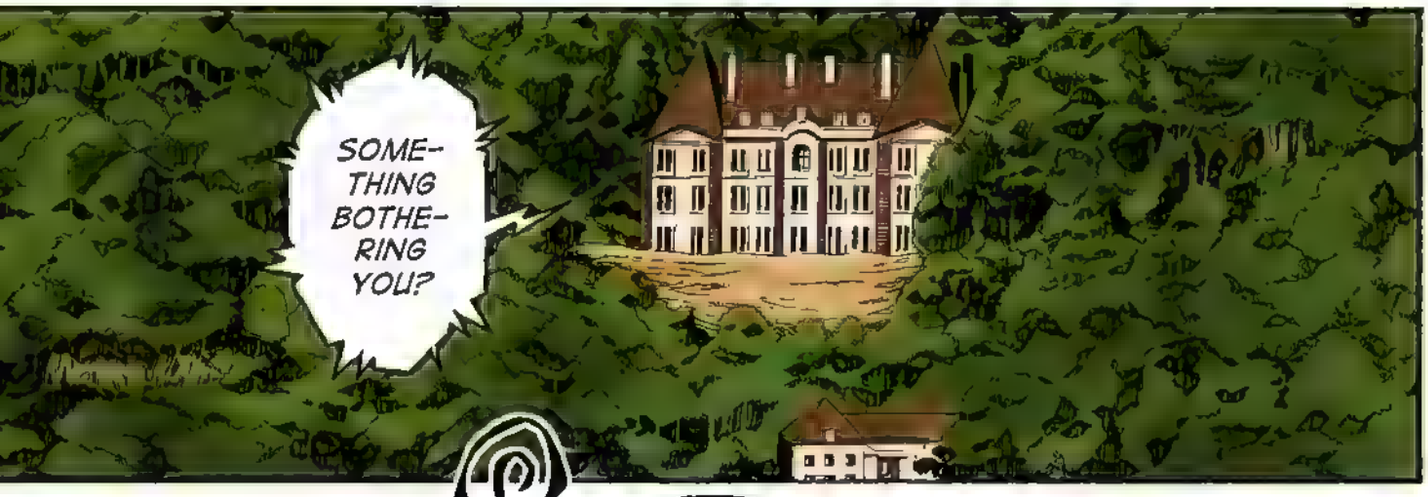




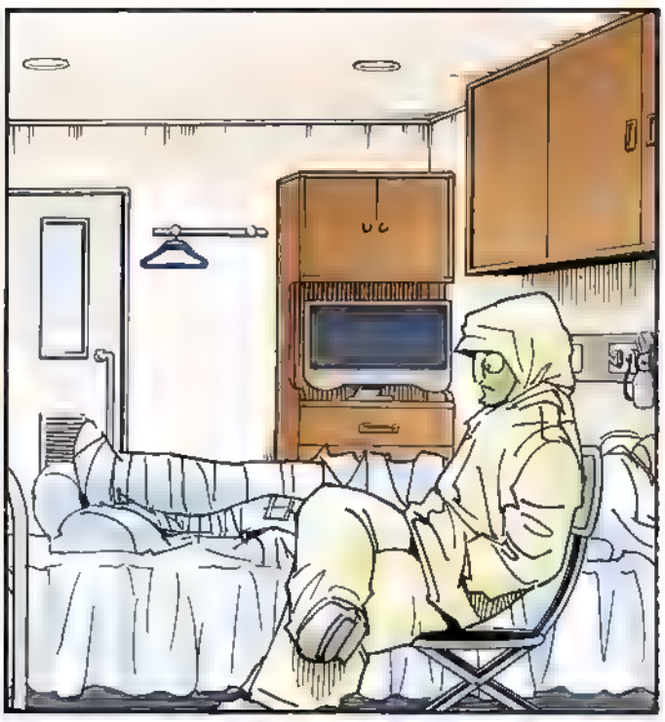
PLEASE REST IN PEACE.
CHAIRMAN... THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

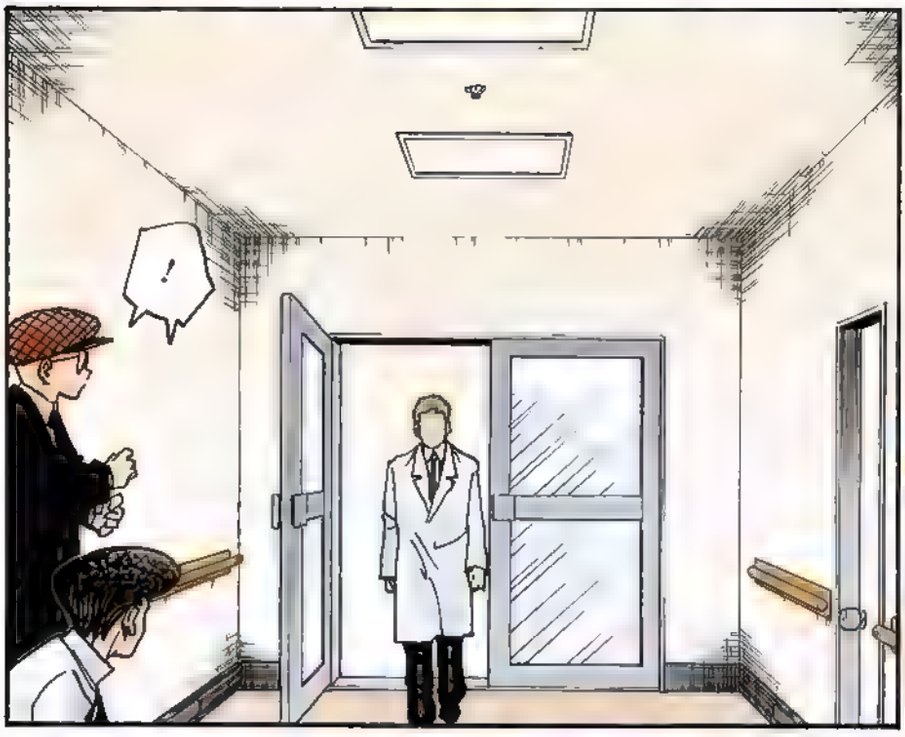

OFFICIALLY, THE ANTS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE RECENT INCIDENTS.
THE POLITICIANS HAVE TURNED THIS INTO AN INTERNATIONAL CRISIS.
HELLO, COLT?
IT'S ME.
THERE WON'T BE ANY PROBLEMS AS LONG AS YOU ACT THE PART OF A "GOOD MAGICAL BEAST."
YOU'LL BE CLASSIFIED AS A NEW MAGICAL BEAST.


HM?
ANY CHANGES ON YOUR SIDE?


SOME-THING BOTHE-RING YOU?

WELL... IT'S JUST...
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

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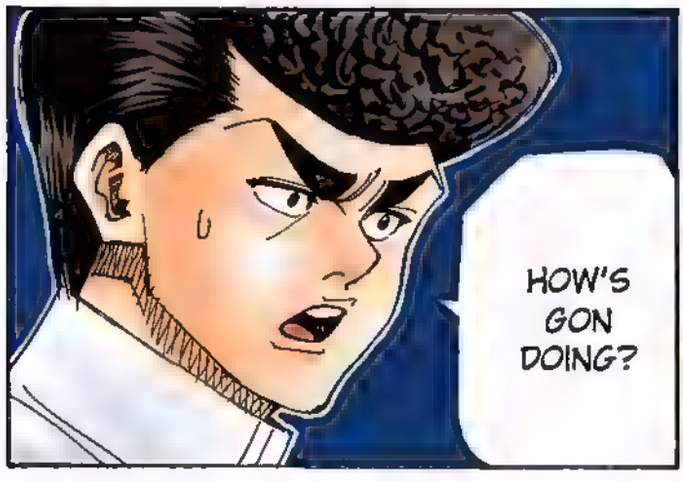
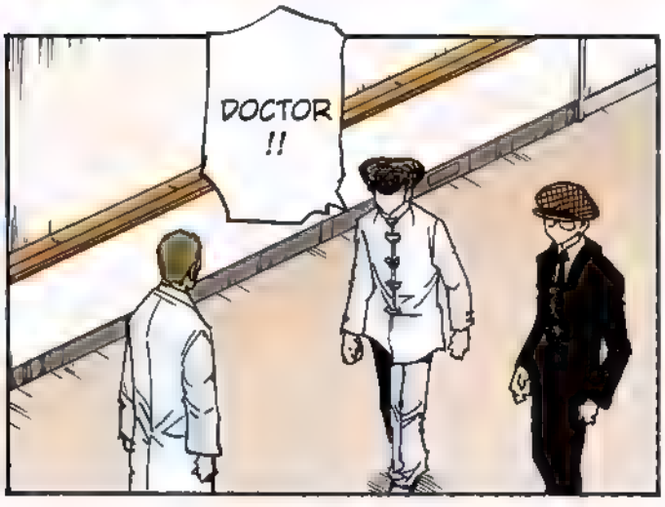
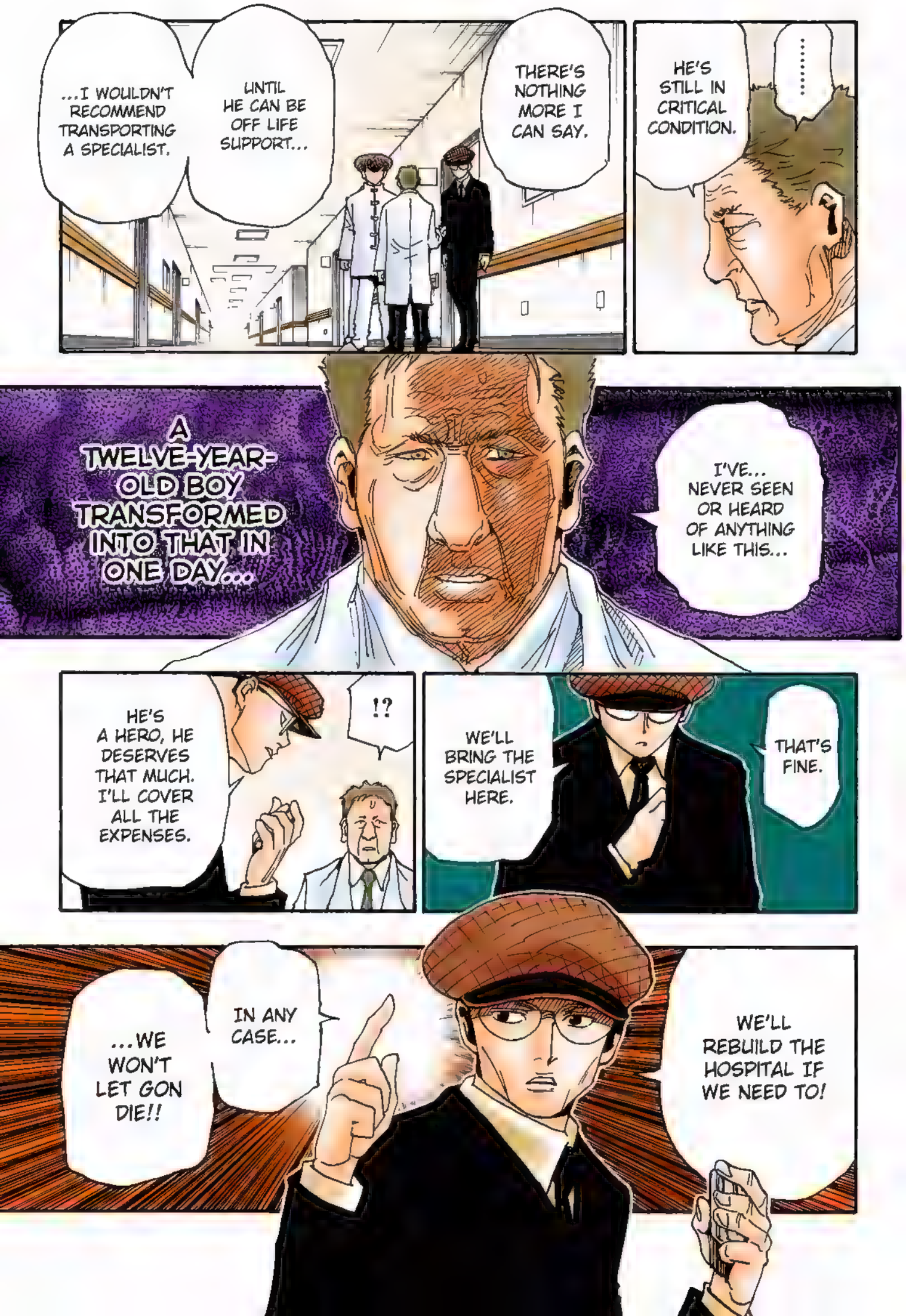
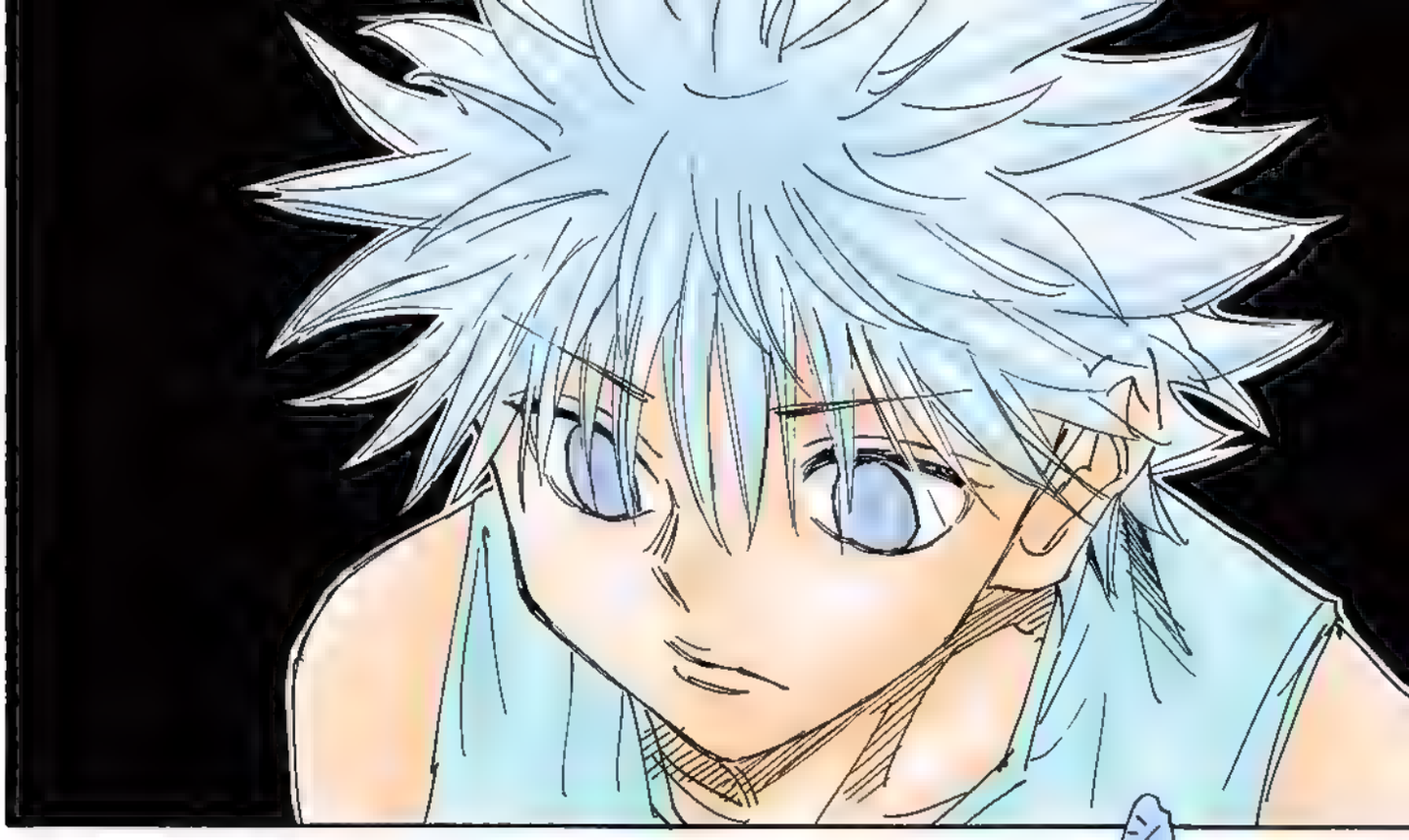
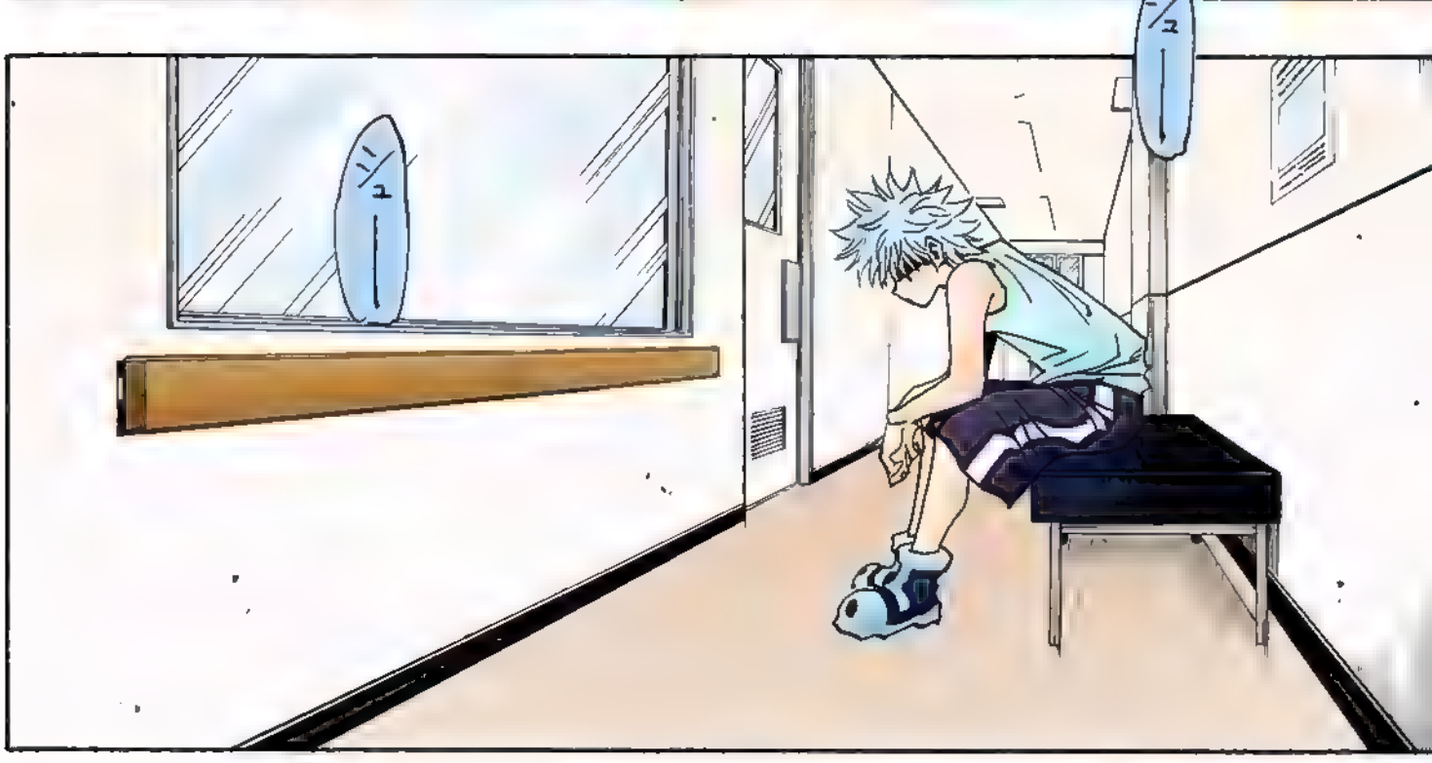

HOW'S GON DOING?


DOCTOR !!


...I WOULDN'T RECOMMEND TRANSPORTING A SPECIALIST.
UNTIL HE CAN BE OFF LIFE SUPPORT...
THERE'S NOTHING MORE I CAN SAY.
HE'S STILL IN CRITICAL CONDITION.
.....
A TWELVE-YEAR-OLD BOY TRANSFORMED INTO THAT IN ONE DAY...
I'VE... NEVER SEEN OR HEARD OF ANYTHING LIKE THIS...
HE'S A HERO, HE DESERVES THAT MUCH. I'LL COVER ALL THE EXPENSES.
!?
WE'LL BRING THE SPECIALIST HERE.
THAT'S FINE.
...WE WON'T LET GON DIE!!
IN ANY CASE...
WE'LL REBUILD THE HOSPITAL IF WE NEED TO!

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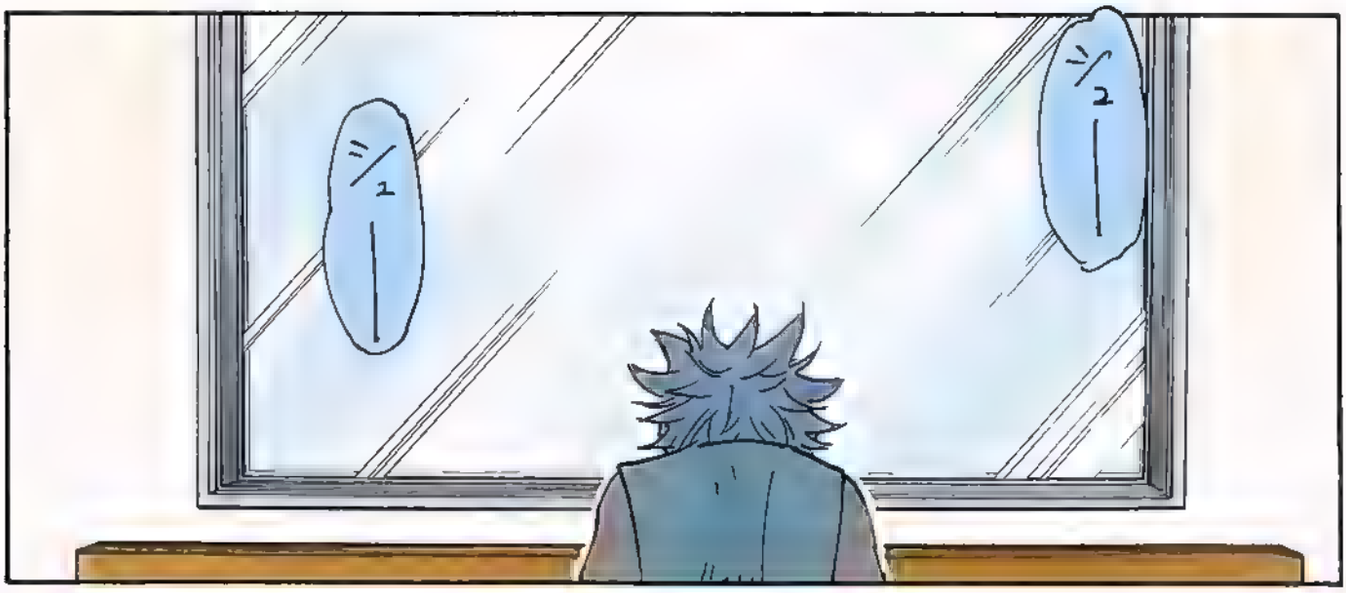
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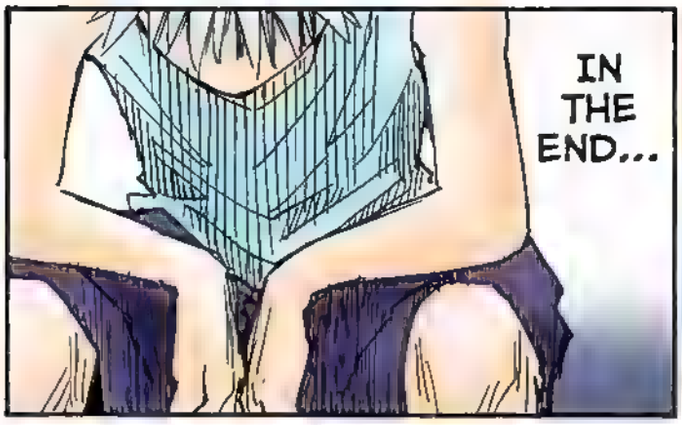
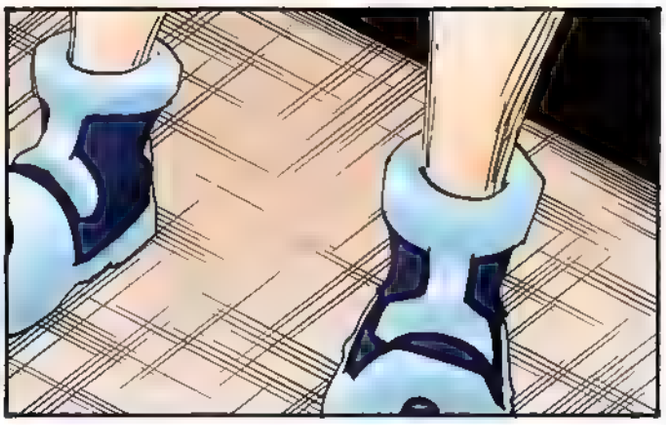
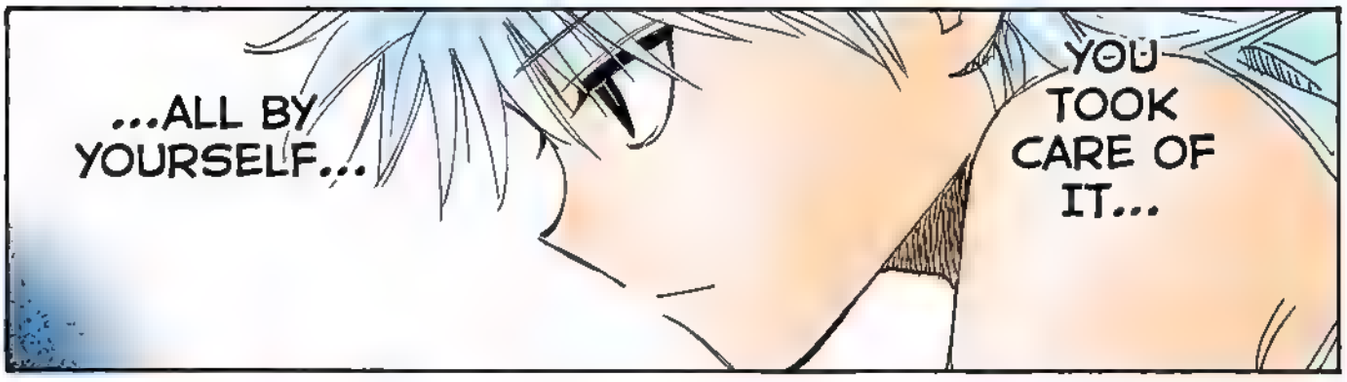
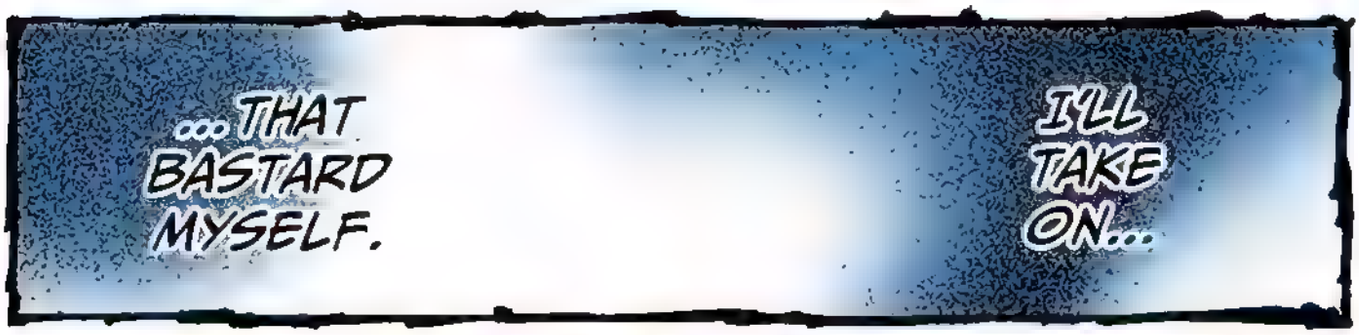
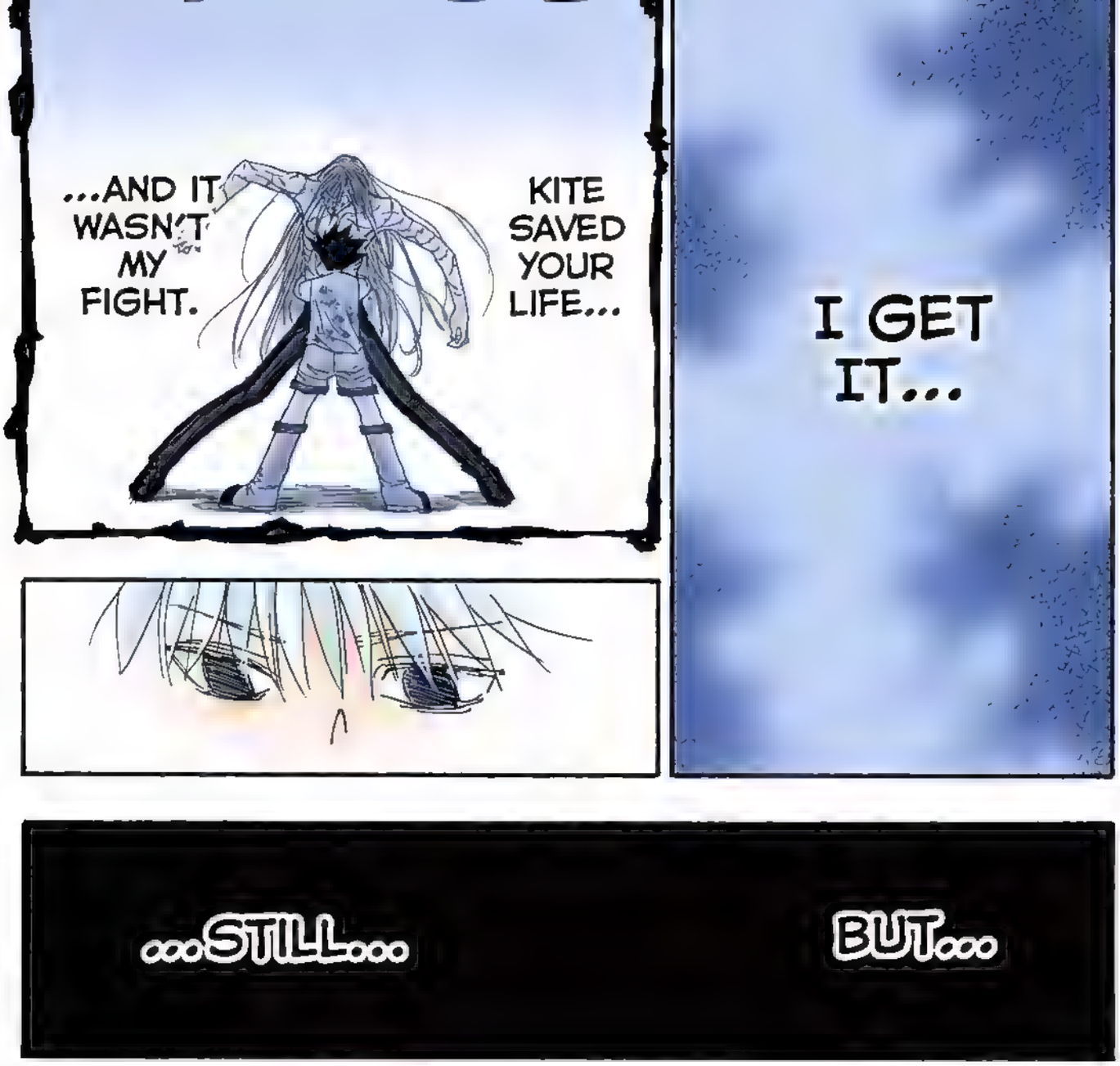
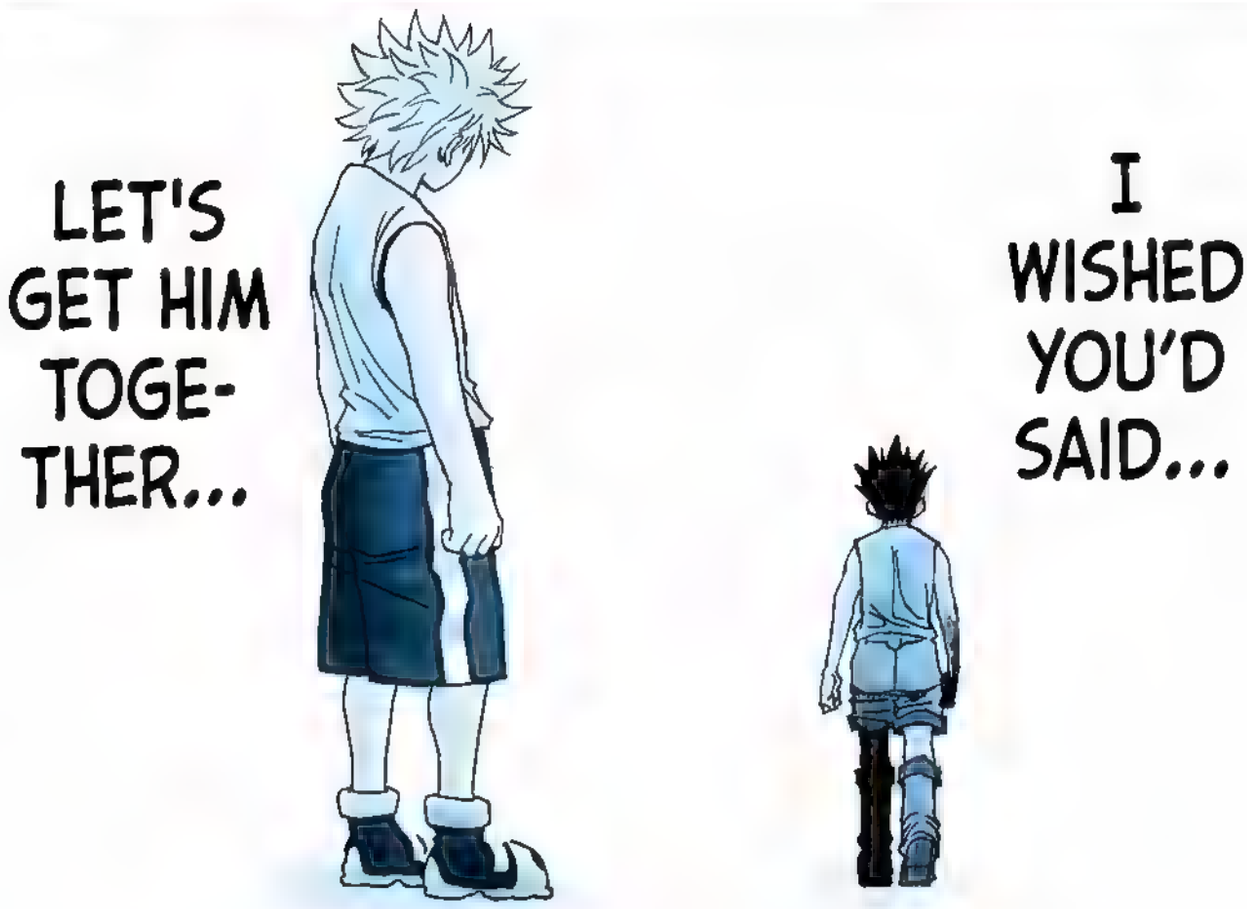

IN THE END...



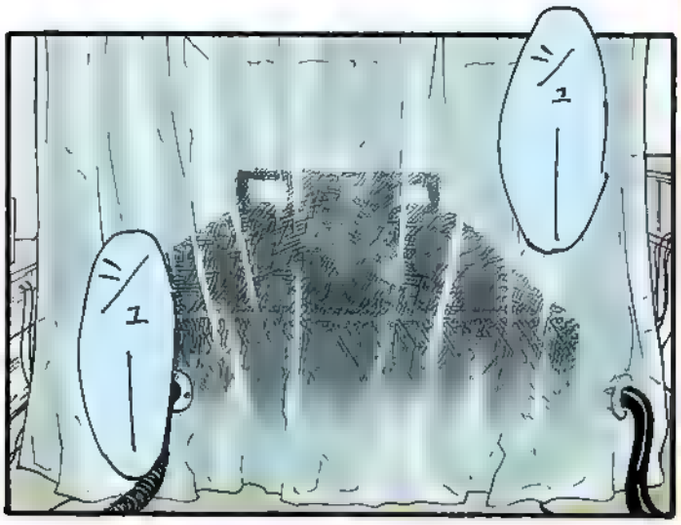

...ALL BY YOURSELF...
YOU TOOK CARE OF IT...


...THAT BASTARD MYSELF.
I'LL TAKE ON...


...AND IT WASN'T MY FIGHT.
KITE SAVED YOUR LIFE...
I GET IT...
...STILL...
BUT...


LET'S GET HIM TOGE-THER...
I WISHED YOU'D SAID...

...SAY THAT TO ME AS A TEAMMATE?
DID YOU...
LET'S GO.
...AS A FRIEND?
OR...
...I'M JUST SULKING.
I KNOW...



IT'S THE SAME AS ALWAYS...

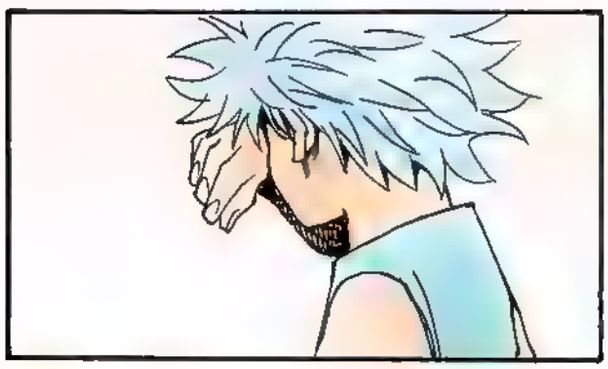
...WHILE I CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR MESS!!

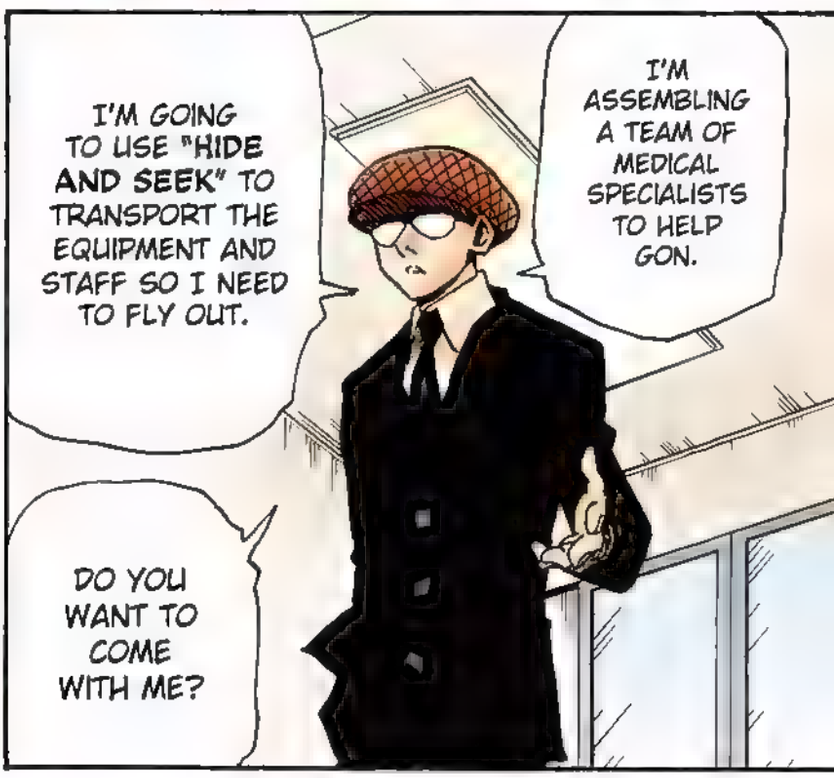
BUT... I WON'T LET YOU OFF THE HOOK THIS TIME.

AND I'LL DO IT AGAIN ...!!

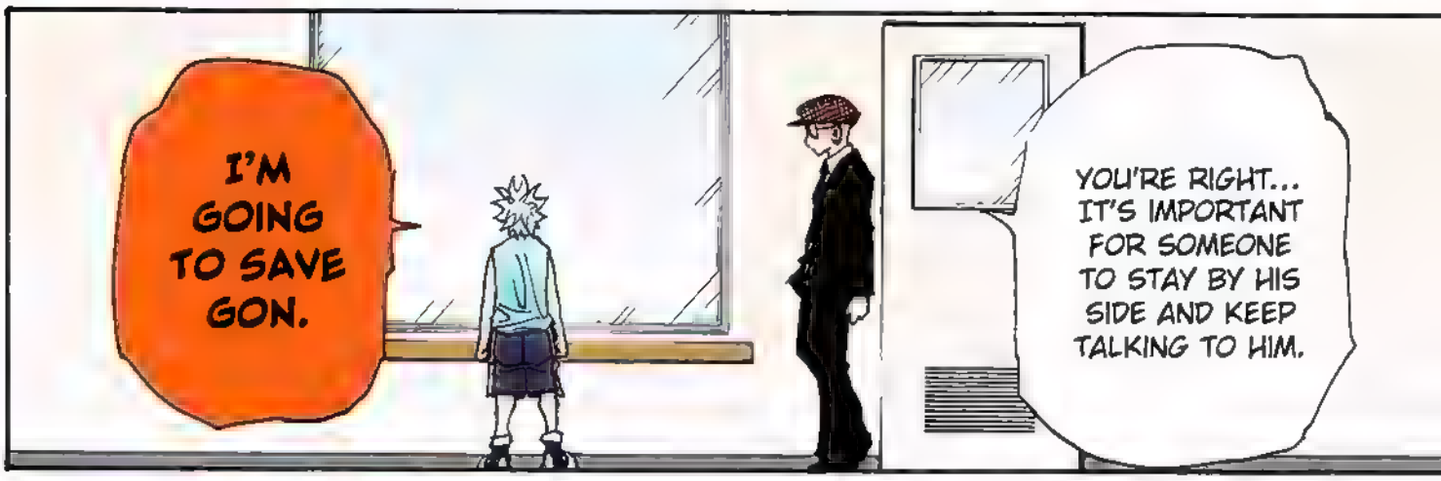
I'LL MAKE YOU APOLOGIZE !!!!
I SWEAR !!!

KILLUA.

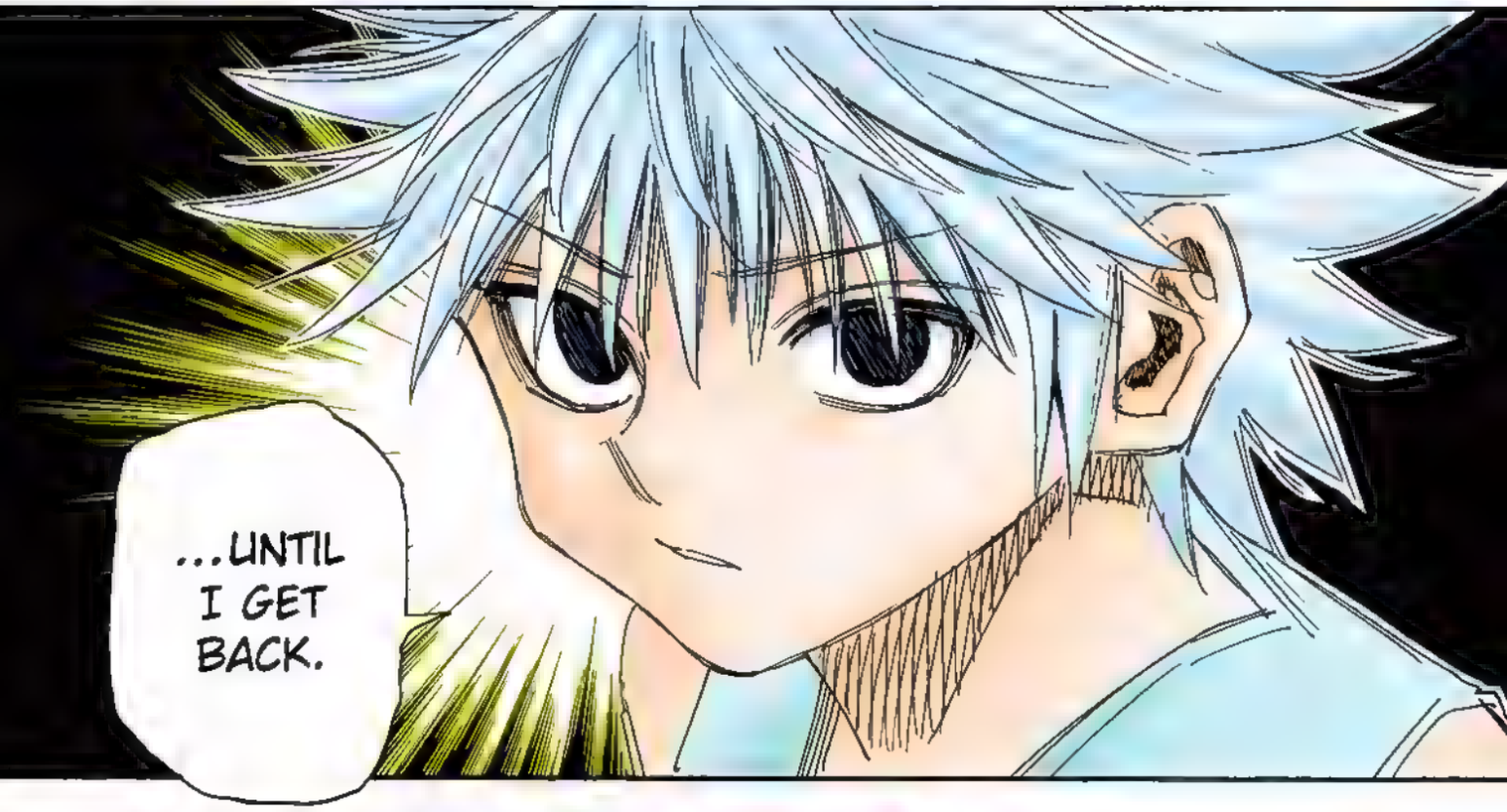


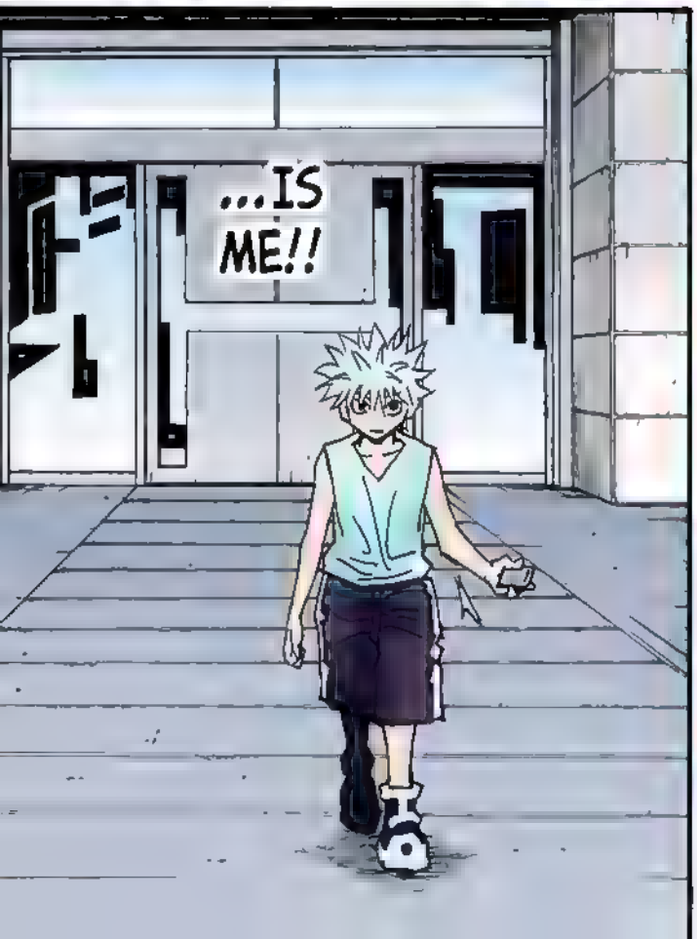

I'M GOING TO USE "HIDE AND SEEK" TO TRANSPORT THE EQUIPMENT AND STAFF SO I NEED TO FLY OUT.
I'M ASSEMBLING A TEAM OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS TO HELP GON.
DO YOU WANT TO COME WITH ME?

NO...
IT'S FINE.


I'M GOING TO SAVE GON.
YOU'RE RIGHT... IT'S IMPORTANT FOR SOMEONE TO STAY BY HIS SIDE AND KEEP TALKING TO HIM.

HE'S GONNA NEED THEM...
GO AHEAD AND GET THOSE DOCTORS.
!?


...UNTIL I GET BACK.


...IS ME!!

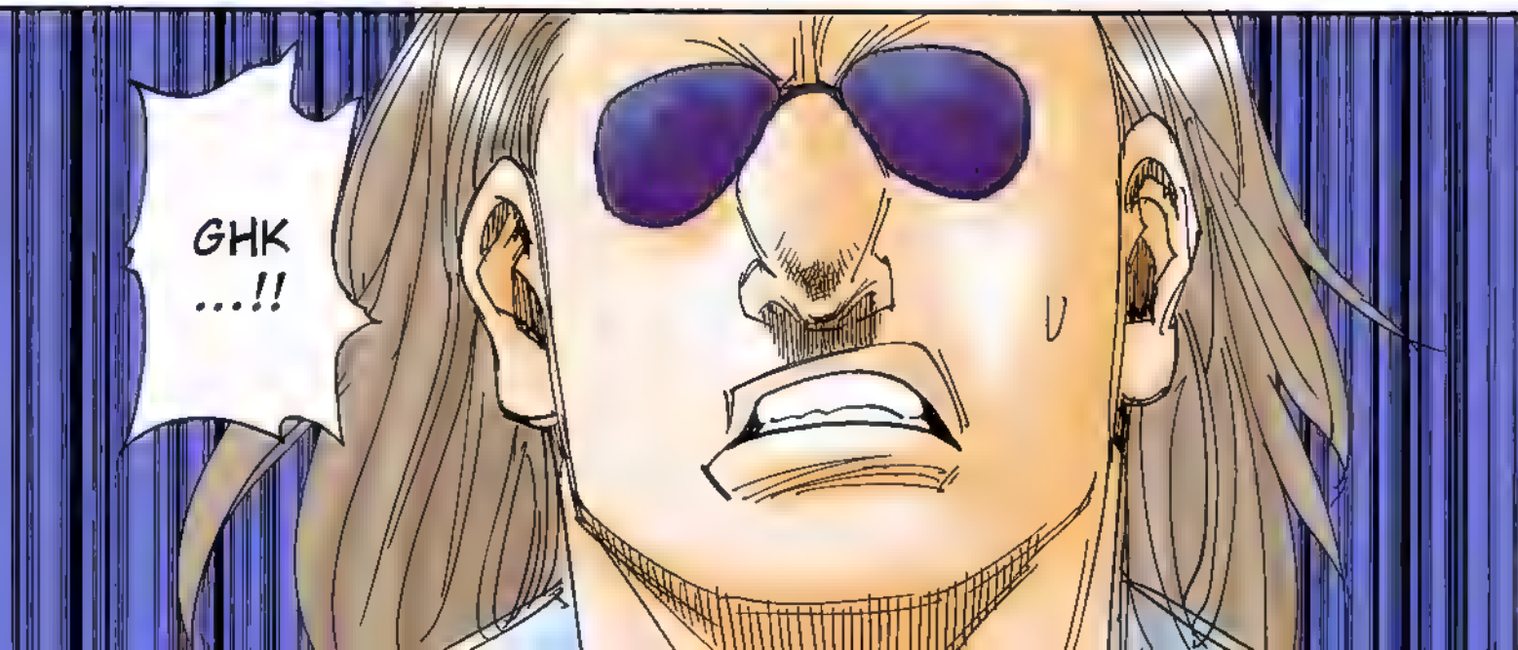
THE ONE WHO'LL SAVE GON...

KILLUA ?!

YOU'RE WRONG!!
NO!!
YEAH... IT'S REINA.
IT'S NAME ...?!
SHE KEEPS SAYING HER NAME ISN'T REINA.
WHAT IS IT THEN ...?
I'M NOT REINA!!

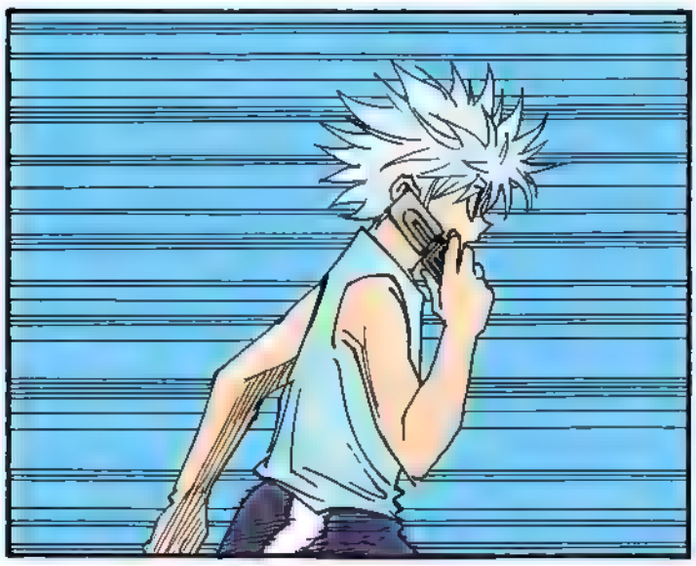
KITE!!

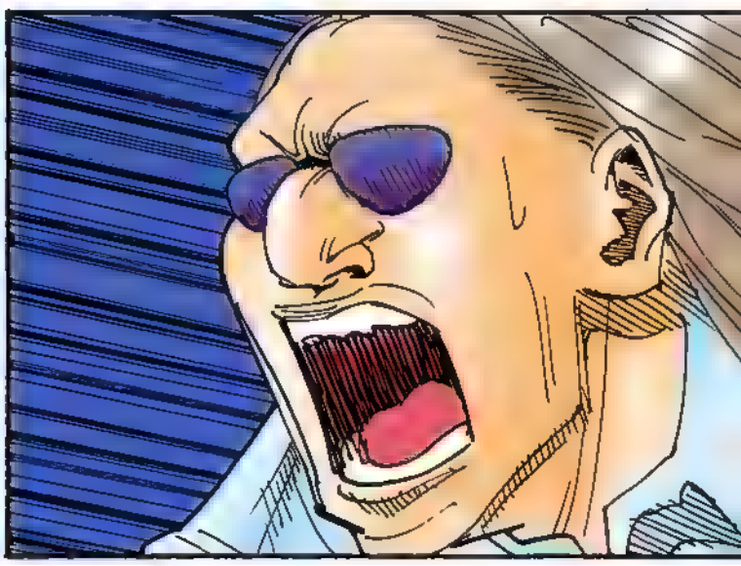
MY NAME IS...

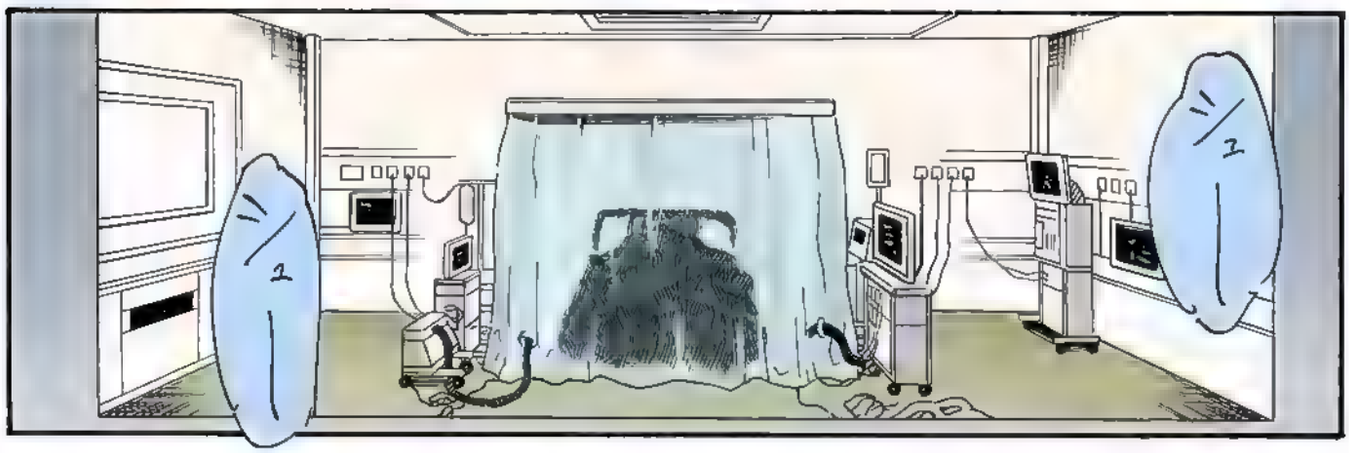


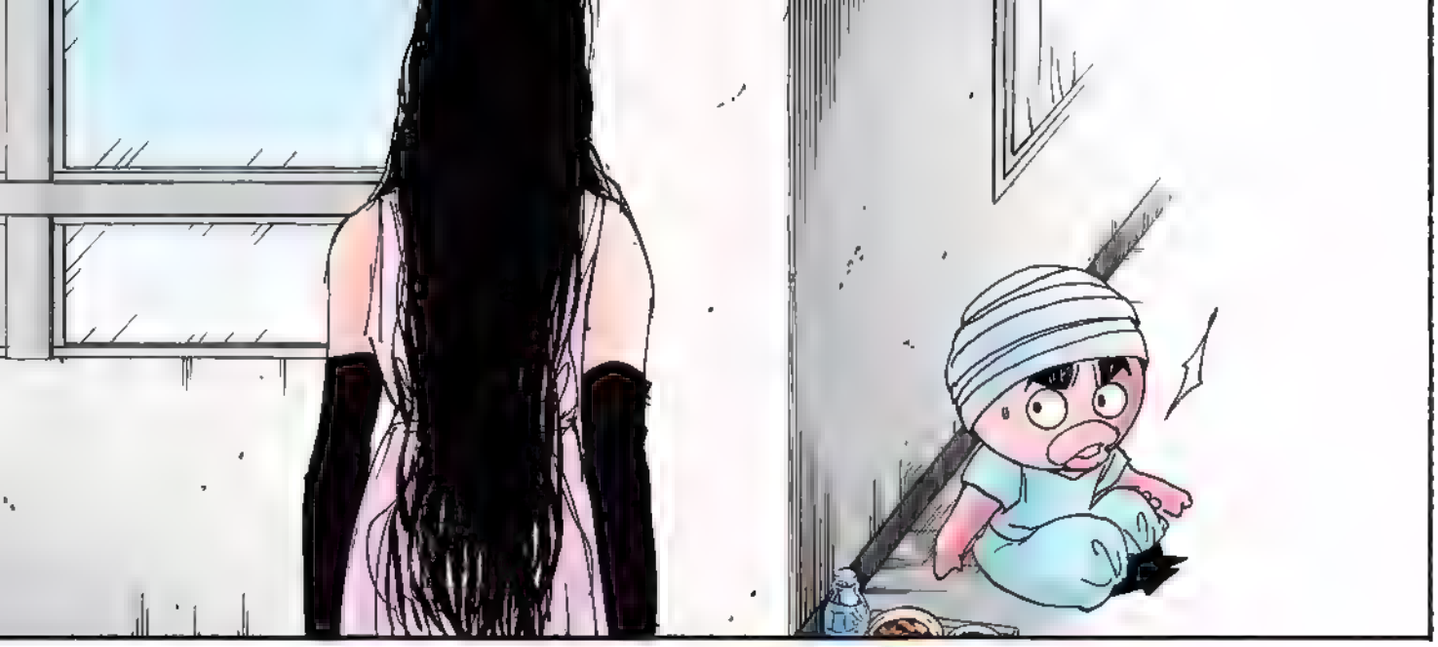
KILLUA !!!

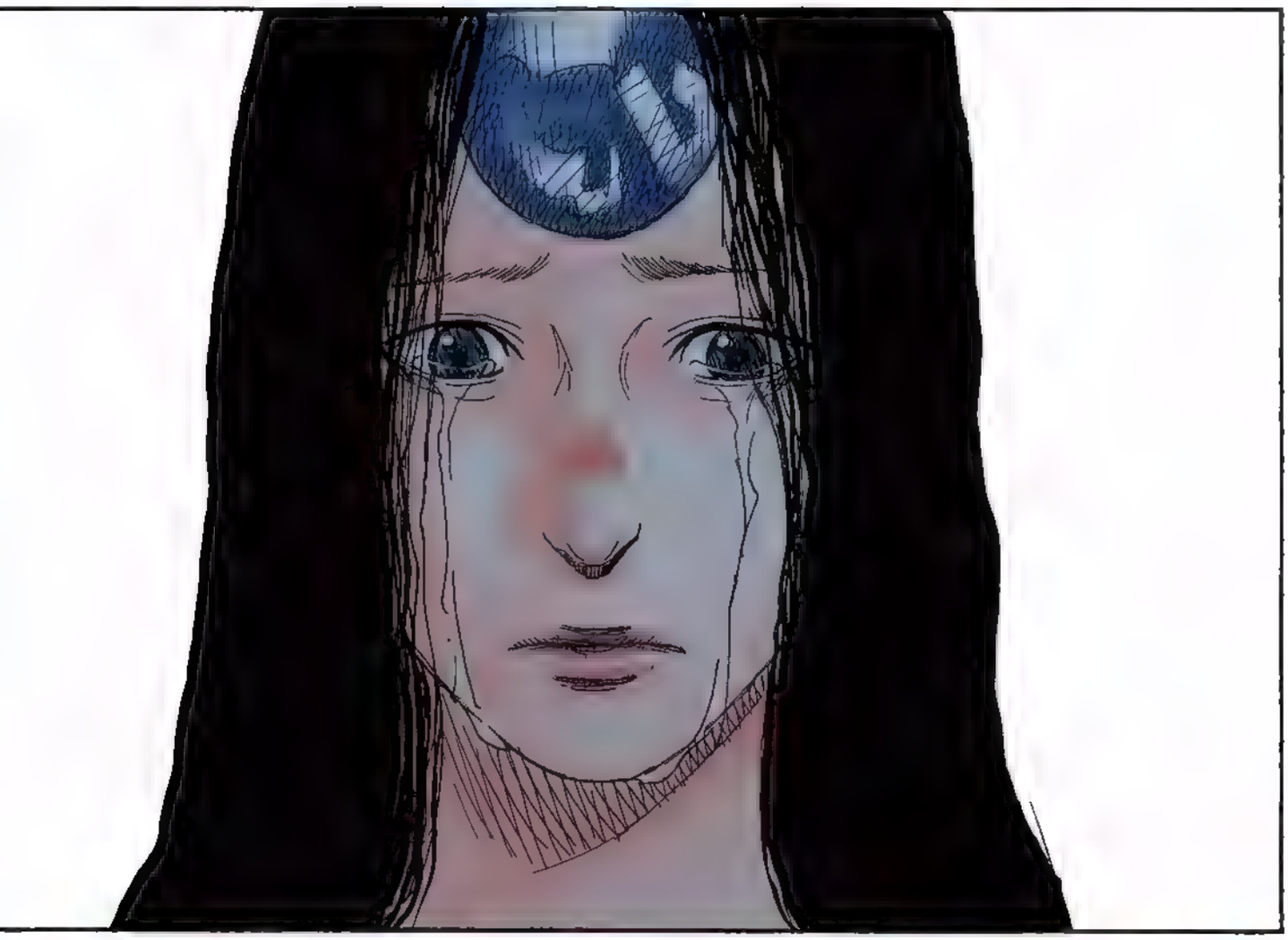
GON !!!

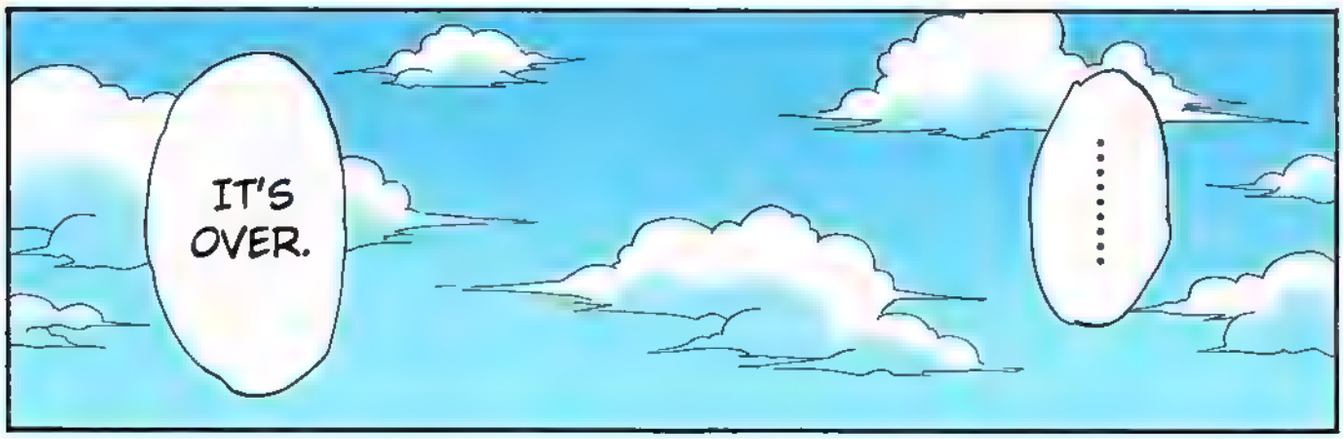











IT'S OVER.
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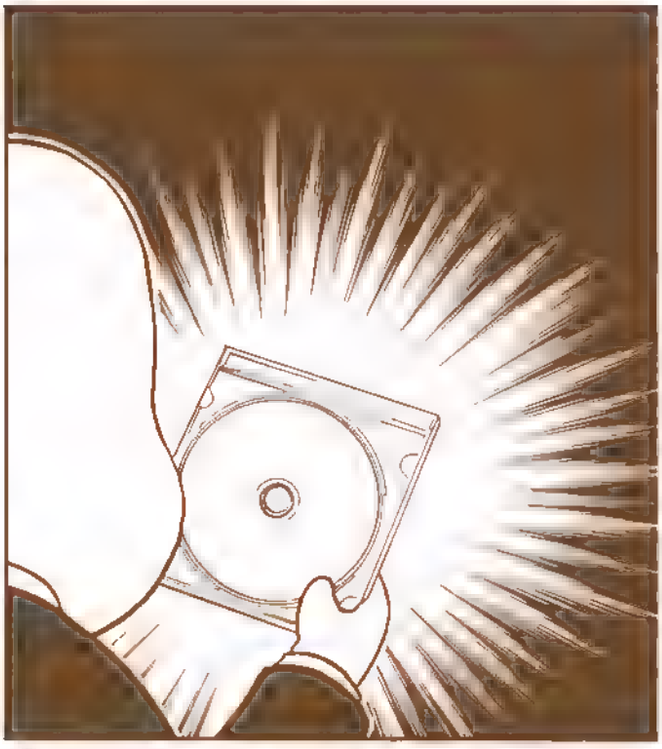

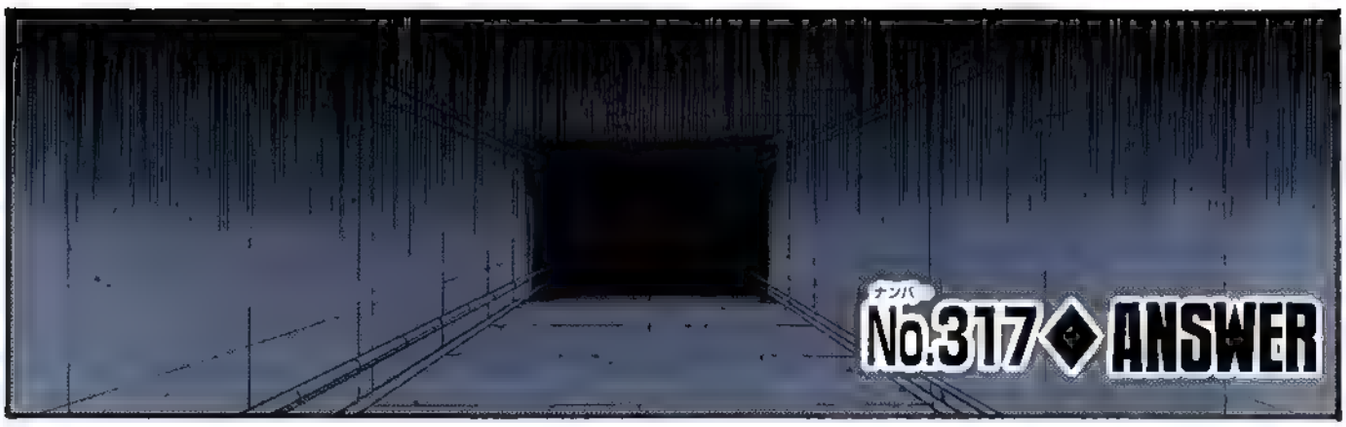
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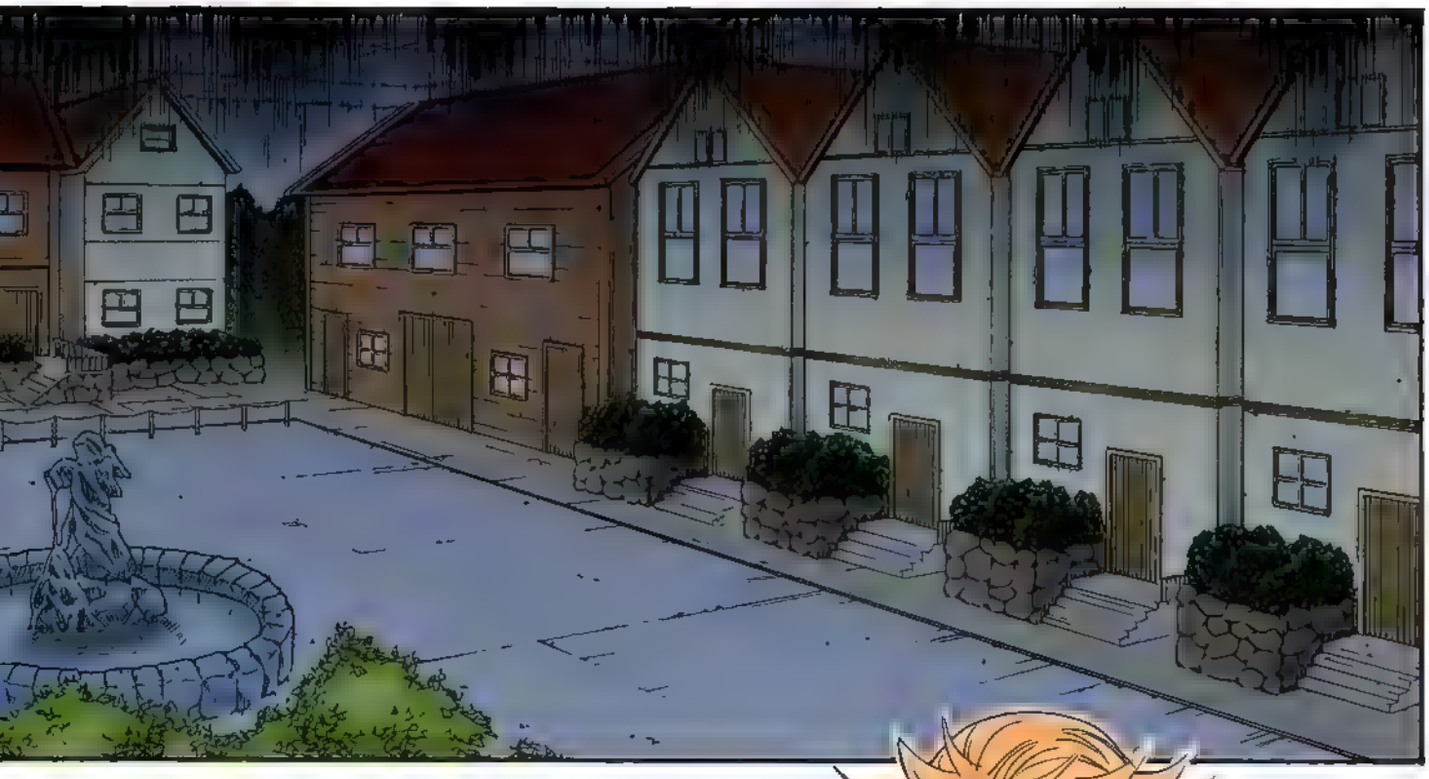

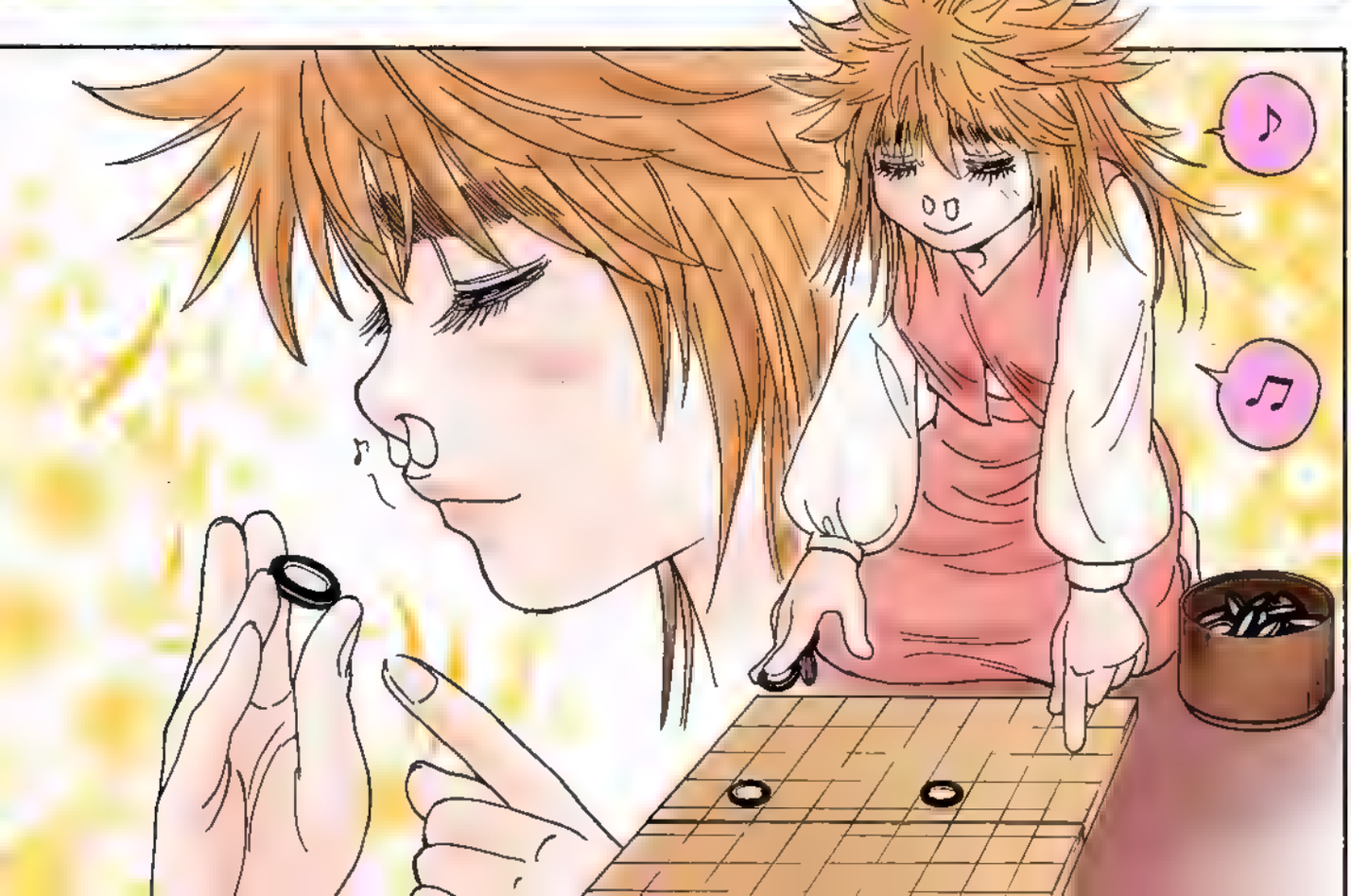
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YES.

PLAYING IN REAL LIFE IS SO DIFFERENT THAN PLAYING IN YOUR DREAMS!

IT FEELS LIKE WE HAVEN'T PLAYED IN FOREVER!!

...YOU MUST'VE SAVED ME, DEAR LEADER...!

BUT...

AFTER THAT, A STRANGE PERSON KIDNAPPED ME...

I THOUGHT I FELT SOMEONE KICK ME HARD IN THE STOMACH...

I JUMPED TO THE WRONG CONCLUSION!

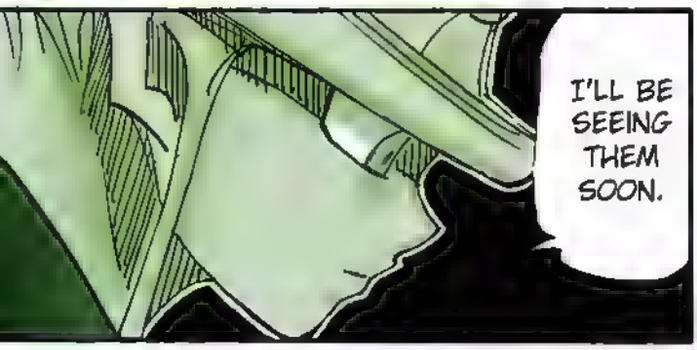
I WAS WRONG ?!

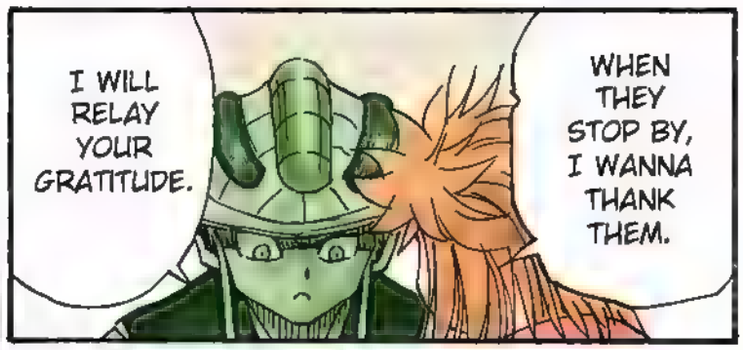
IT WAS MY SUBOR-DINATES.

IT WASN'T ME.

.....

TOO GOOD FOR ME...
THEY WERE...


I'LL BE SEEING THEM SOON.


I WILL RELAY YOUR GRATITUDE.
WHEN THEY STOP BY, I WANNA THANK THEM.

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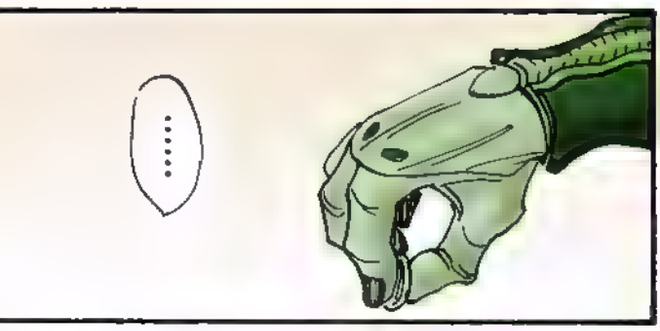
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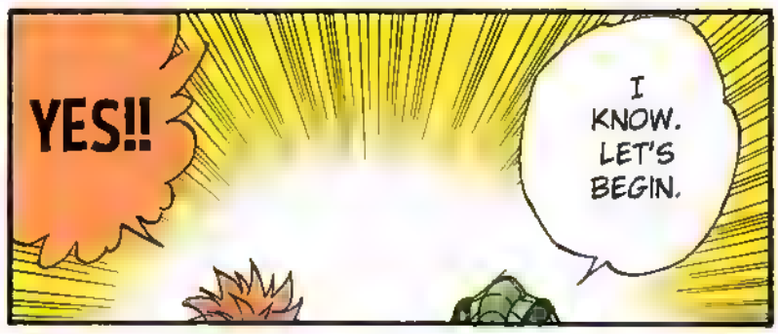
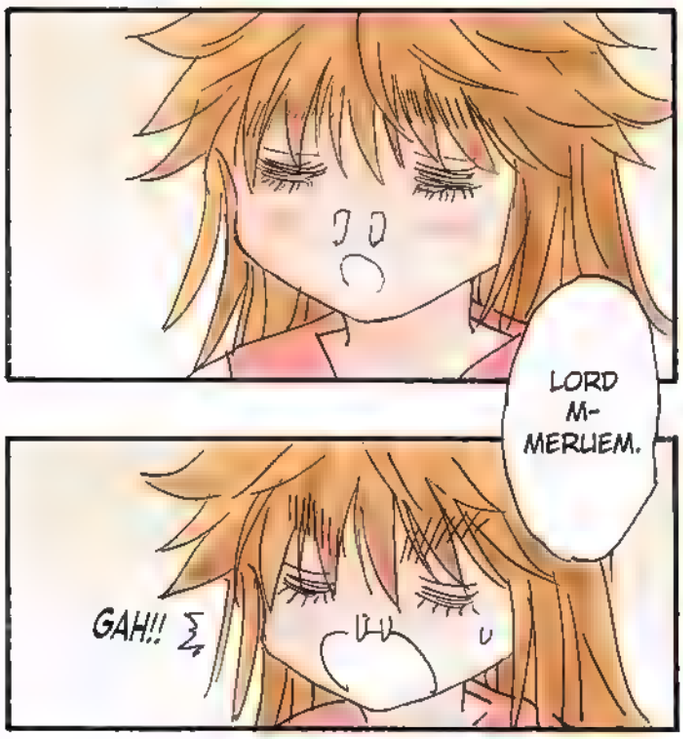
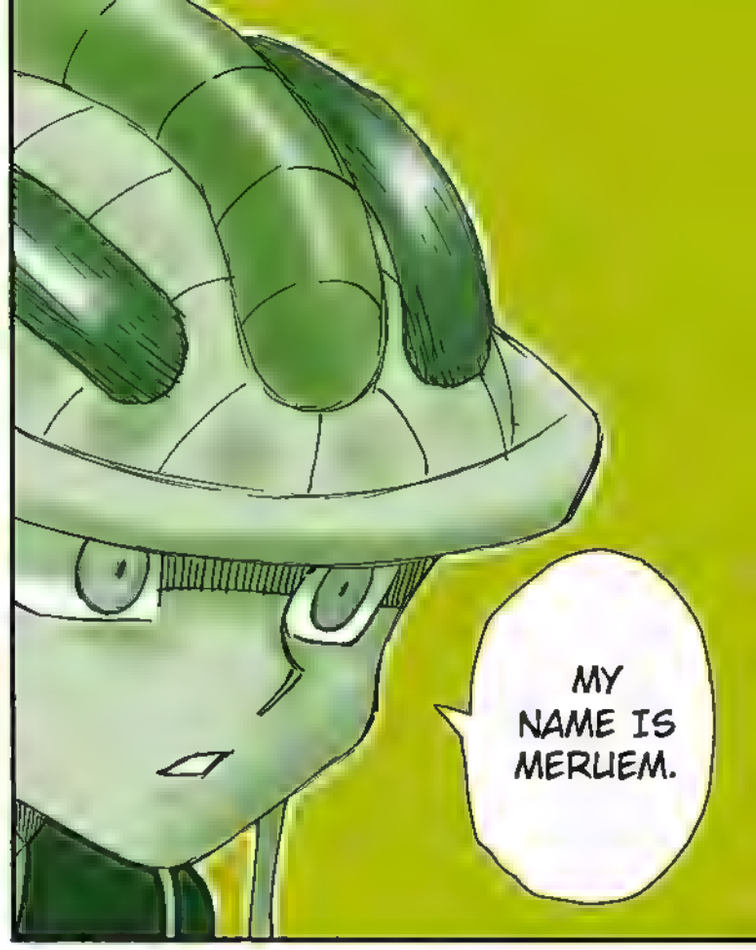
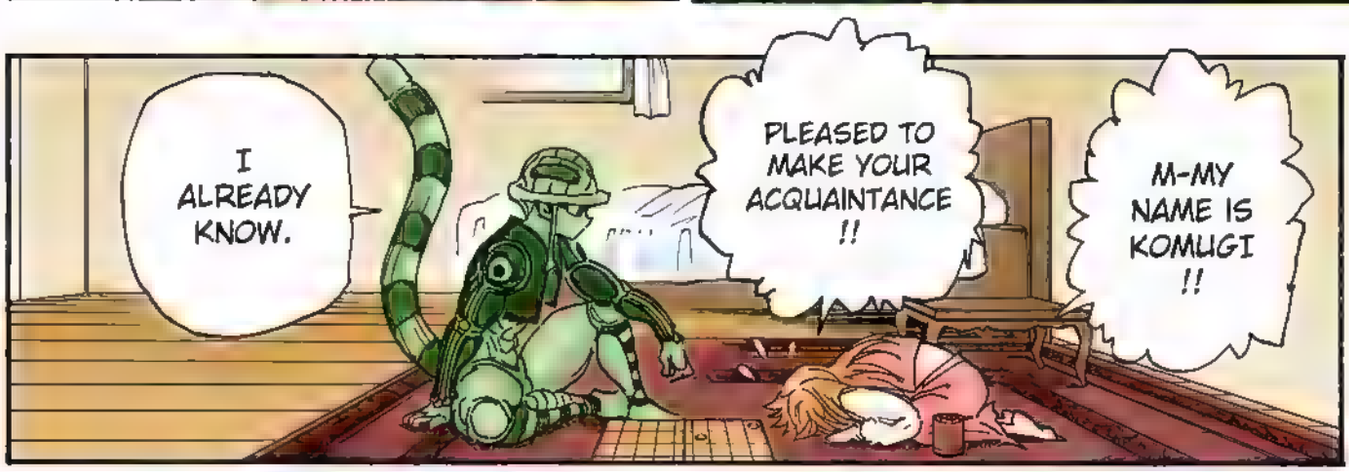
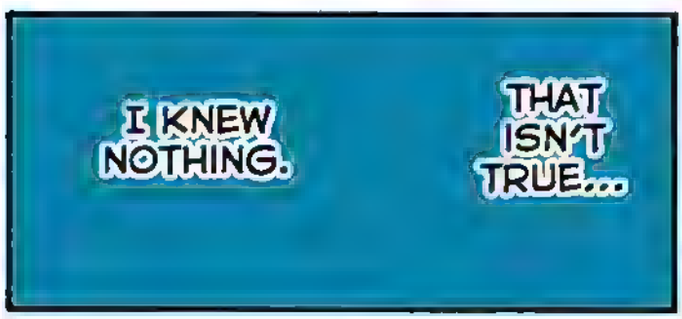

YES!!
I KNOW. LET'S BEGIN.

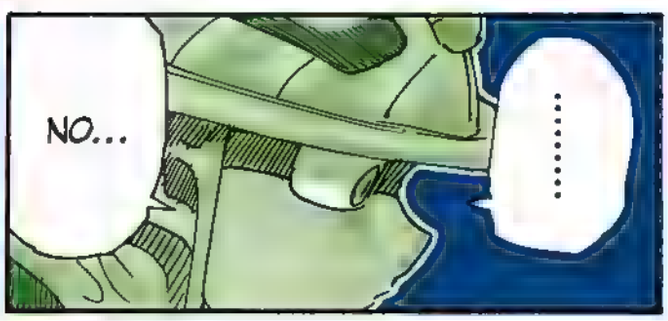
Y-
YES.
...YOU ASKED FOR MY NAME.
BACK THEN ...



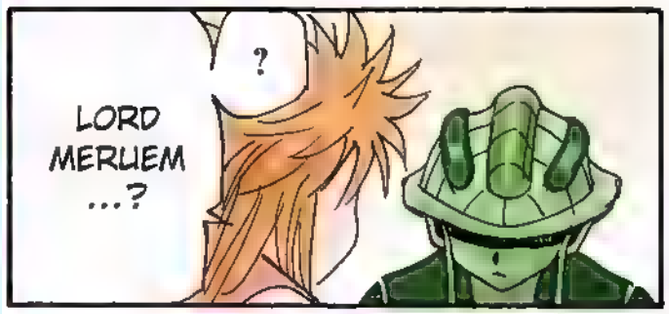




...WHAT REALLY MATTERED...

I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND...

I WOULD NEVER DARE ADDRESS YOU WITHOUT AN HONORIFIC!!
B-BUT, I COULD NEVER DO THAT!!
DON'T MAKE ME REPEAT MYSELF!! NO HONORIFICS !!


LORD MERUEM ...?
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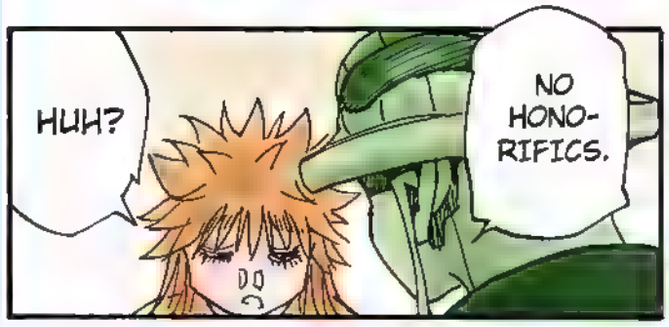
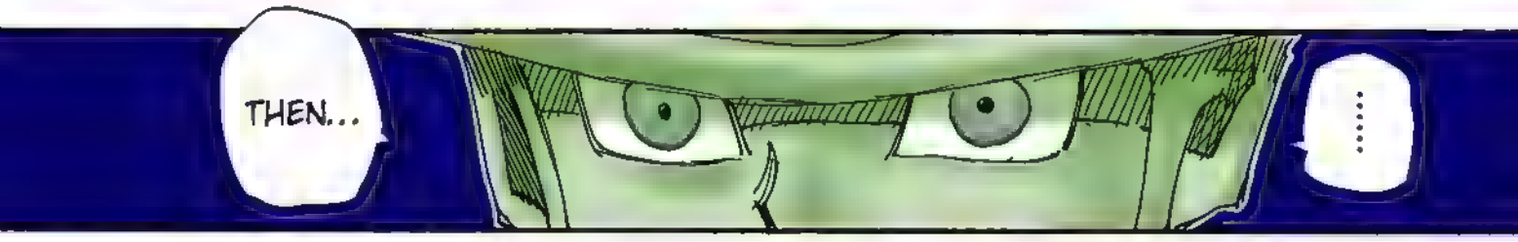

HUH?
NO HONO-RIFICS.


THEN...
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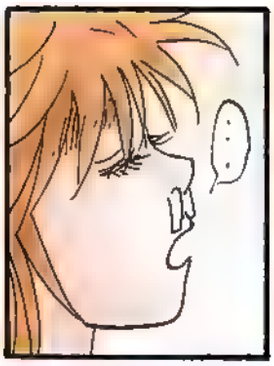
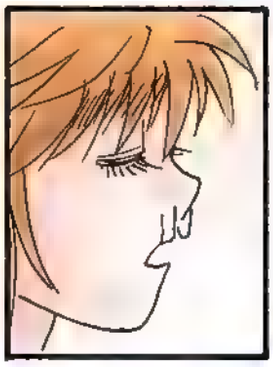
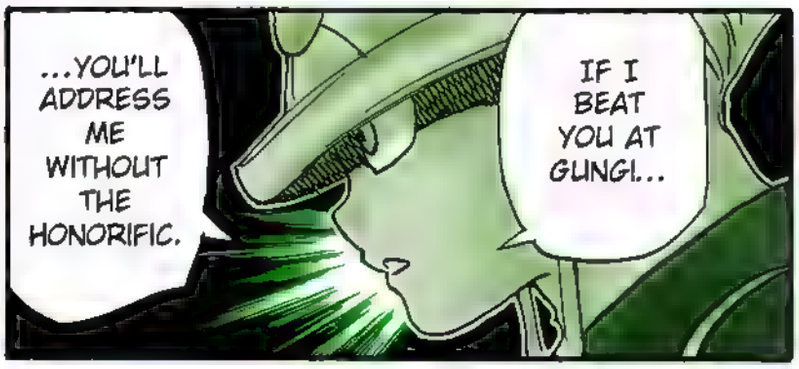
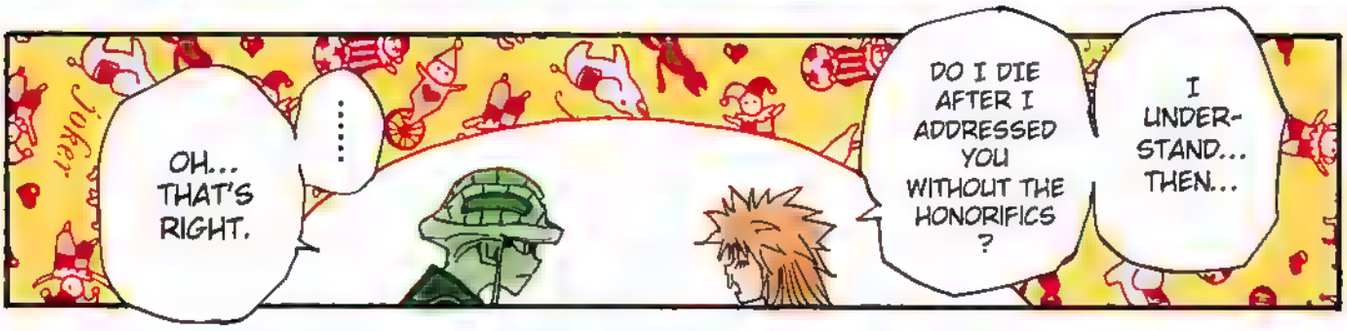
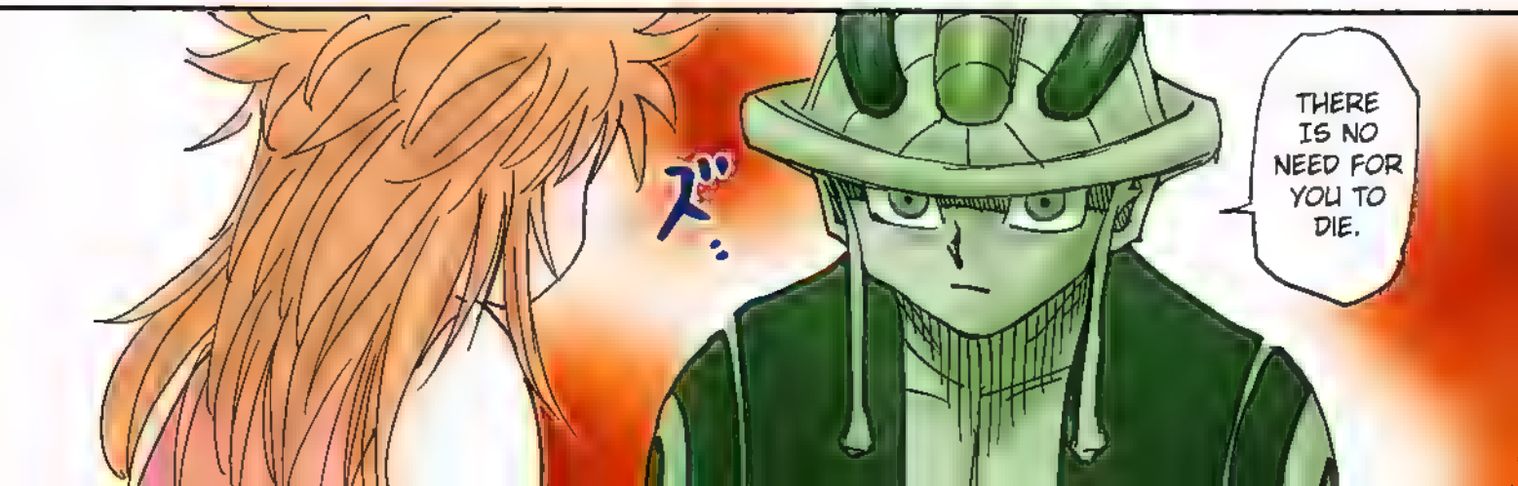





...YOU'LL ADDRESS ME WITHOUT THE HONORIFIC.
IF I BEAT YOU AT GUNGI...


OH... THAT'S RIGHT.
.....
DO I DIE AFTER I ADDRESSED YOU WITHOUT THE HONORIFICS ?
I UNDER-STAND... THEN...


THERE IS NO NEED FOR YOU TO DIE.

YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR INNUMERABLE LOSSES.

I AM NOT THE SAME AS I WAS BEFORE.

I WOULD LIKE ANOTHER MATCH!!

WHAT DO YOU WANT IF YOU WIN?

YES!!

.....

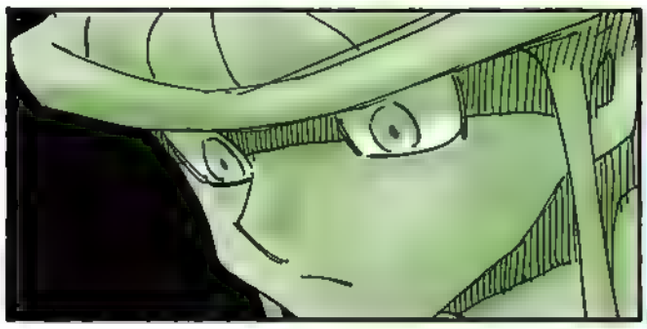
LET'S BEGIN, THEN.

IT WAS A FOOLISH QUESTION.

9-9-1, KING.

1-5-1, KING.

2-7-2, CANNON.
2-3-1, SOLDIER.
COULD IT BE...
7-9-1, SOLDIER.



7-1-2, FORT.

...KOKORIKO.
THIS IS...

...ARE YOU MOCKING ME...?
ズ、ズ、
KOMUGI ...

I WILL NOT PUT UP WITH NONSENSE.

CHOOSE YOUR WORDS CAREFULLY.

NO.

I NEVER KID AROUND WITH GUNGI.

NO.

THEN IF YOU LOSE, YOU WILL DIE...!!

VERY WELL.

...THERE'S AN ESCAPE...

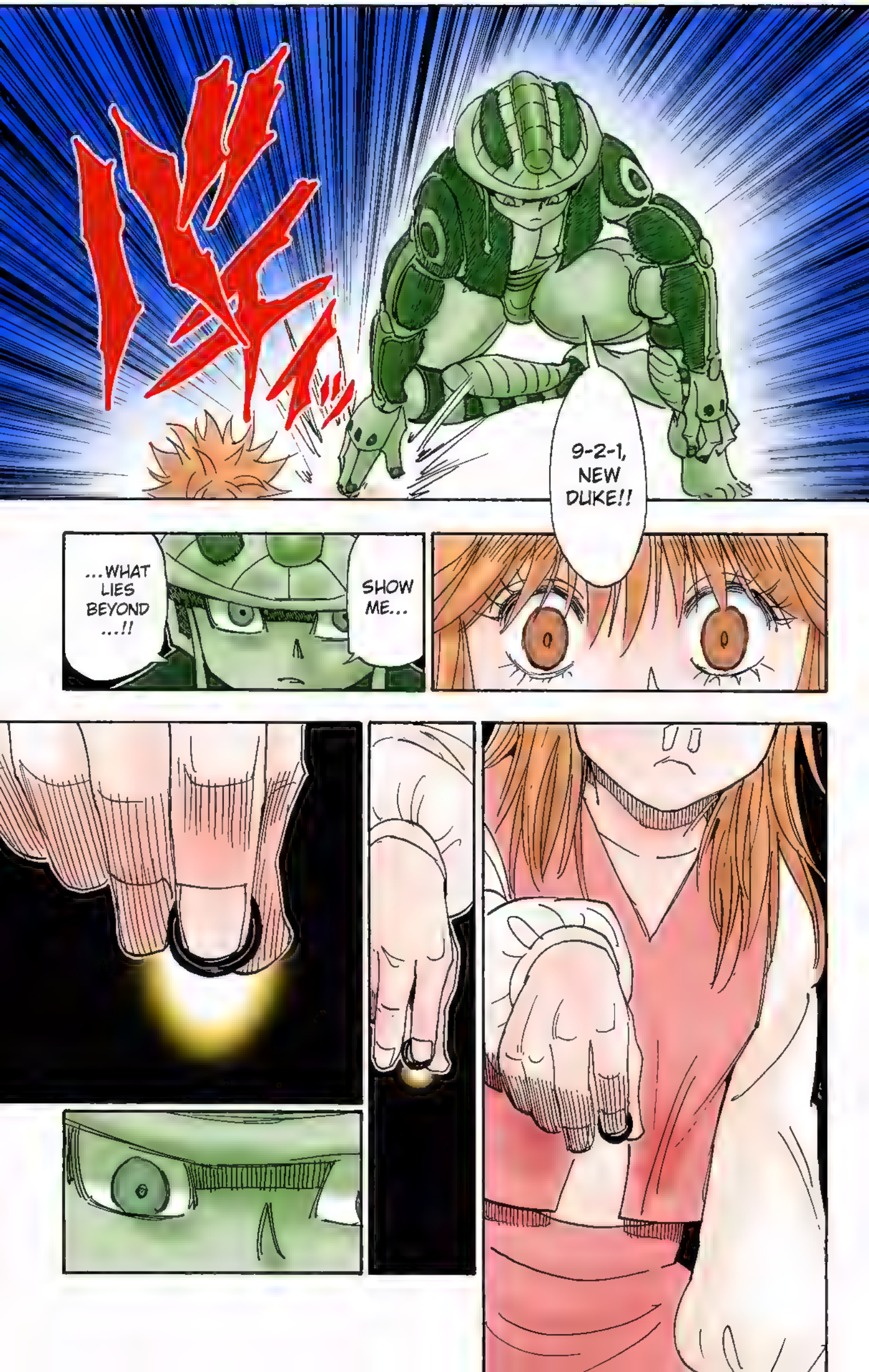
IF SHE THINKS...

...BUT ALL WOULD ONLY SERVE TO LENGTHEN THE GAME WITHOUT INCREASING HER CHANCES.

IS SHE SAYING THIS WILL NOT MEET HER CERTAIN DEATH...?!

SHE HAD A NUMBER OF OPTIONS...

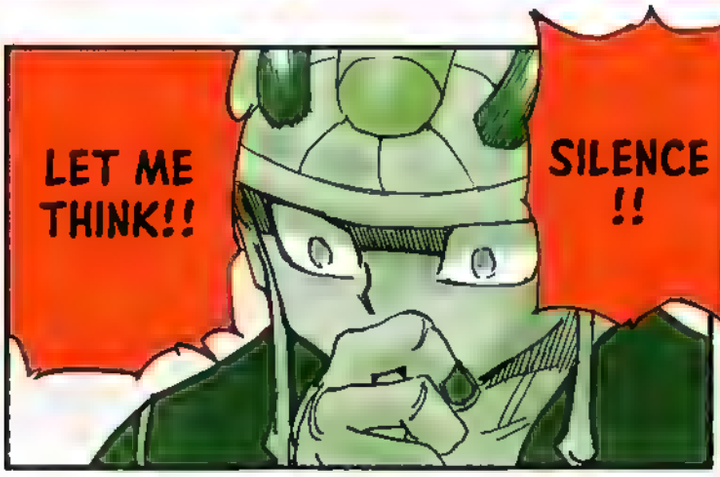
YES.


9-2-1, NEW DUKE!!
...WHAT LIES BEYOND ...!!
SHOW ME...

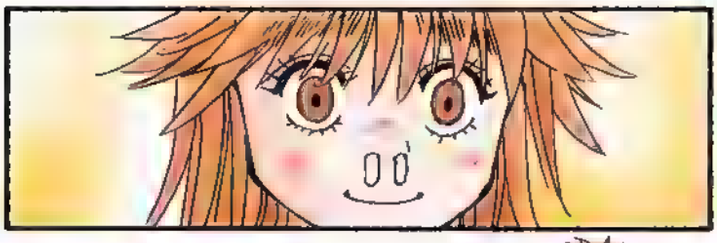
4-6-2, SHINOBI ...!

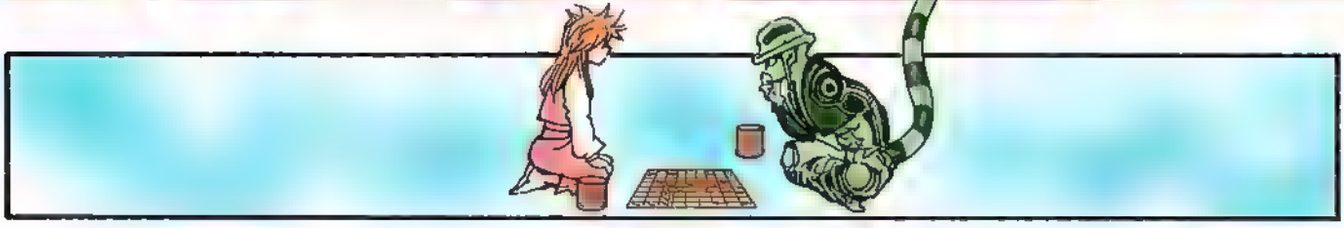
THIS IS...
THIS...

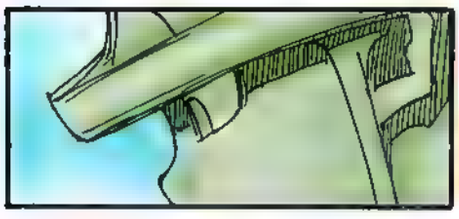
FOUND A WAY OUT ...!!
SHE...

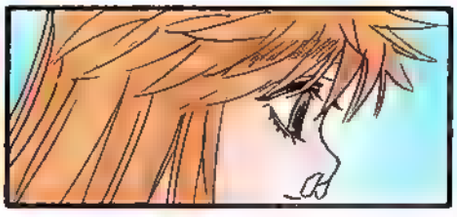

LET ME THINK!!
SILENCE !!

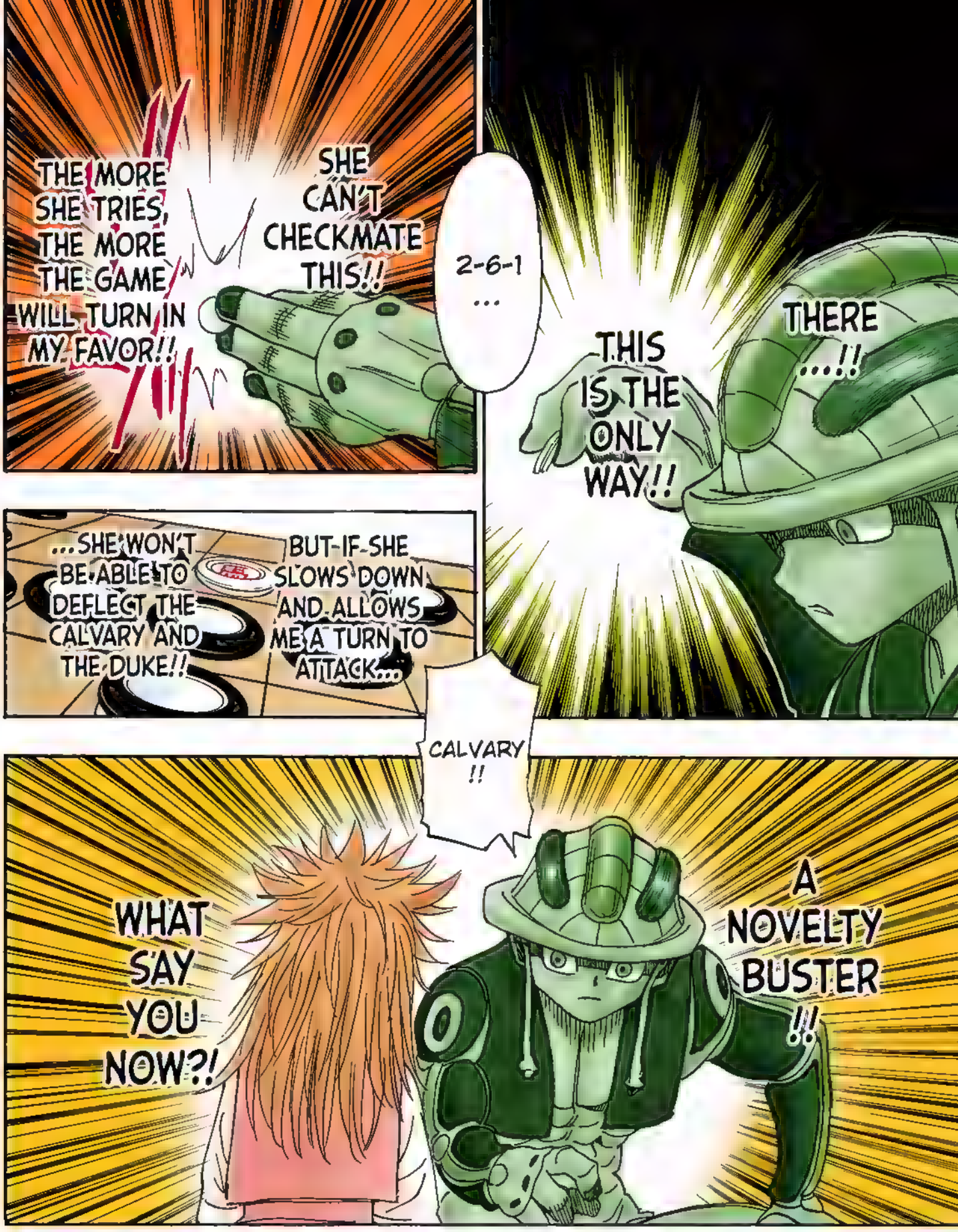
I...
CAME UP WITH IT THAT NIGHT.



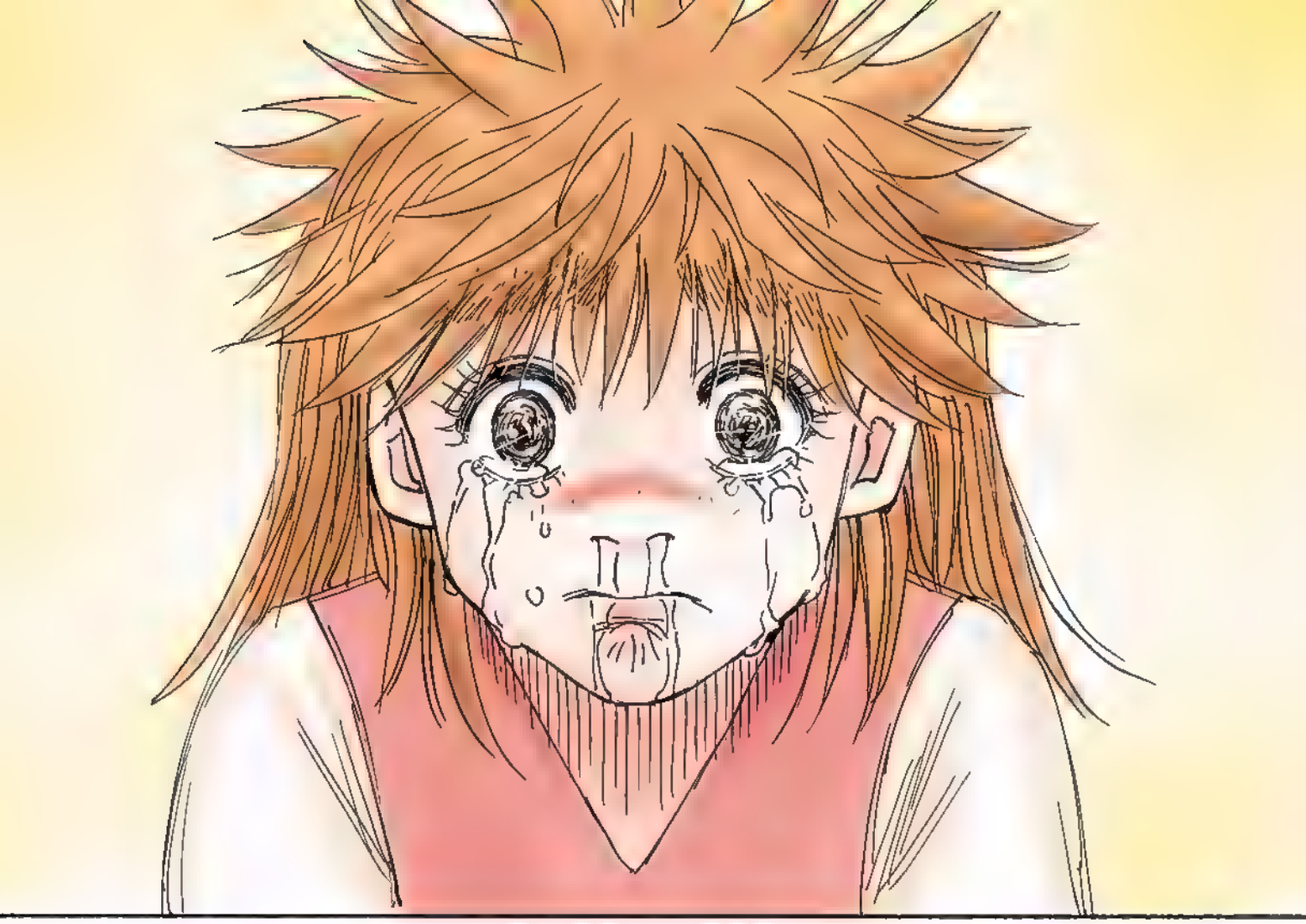


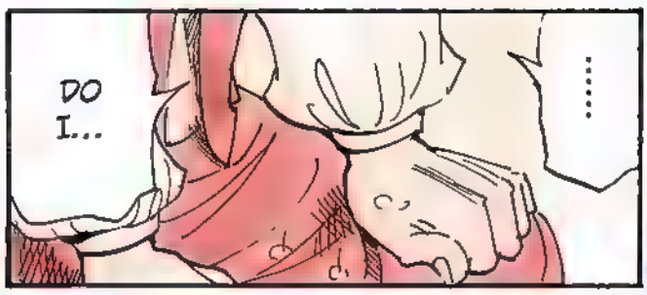







"Novelty Buster" Is a new move that Immediately crushes a new tactic.




DO I...
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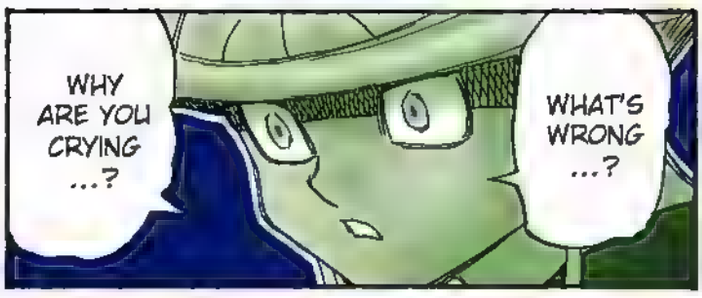
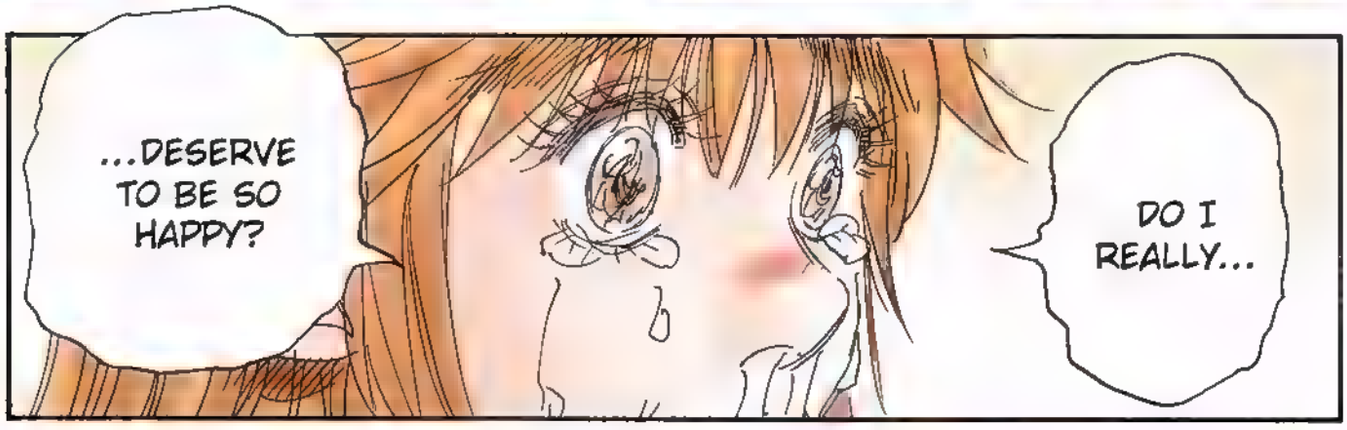
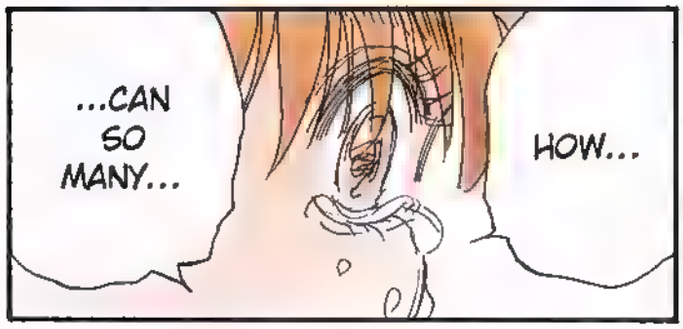
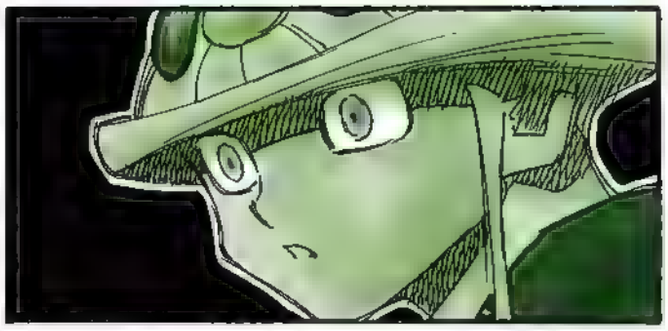
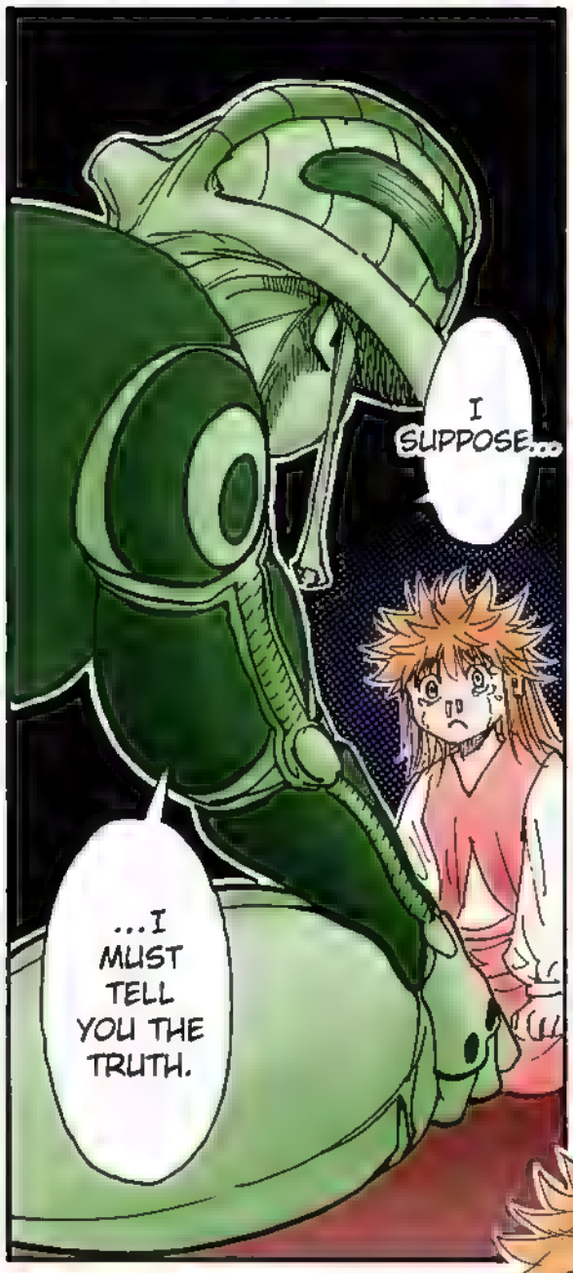

WHY ARE YOU CRYING ...?
WHAT'S WRONG ...?

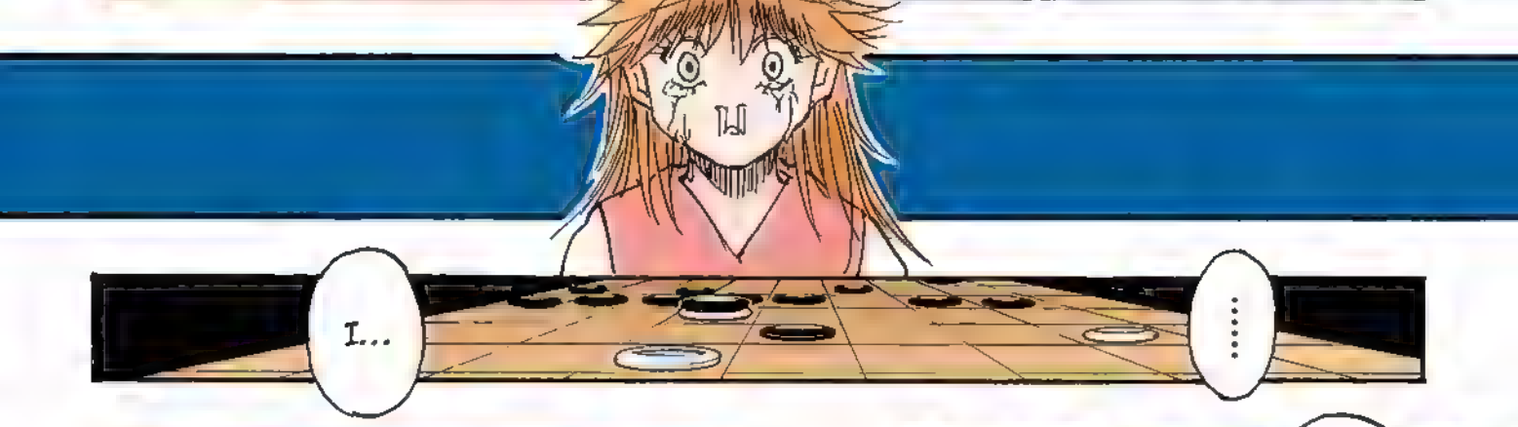

...DESERVE TO BE SO HAPPY?
DO I REALLY...


...CAN SO MANY...
HOW...




I SUPPOSE...
...I MUST TELL YOU THE TRUTH.

WONDERFUL THINGS HAPPEN TO SOMEONE LIKE ME?
DO I REALLY DESERVE IT...?


I...
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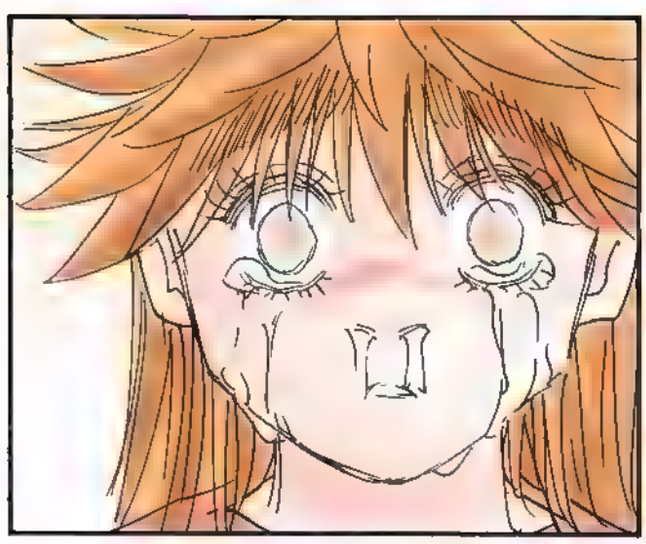
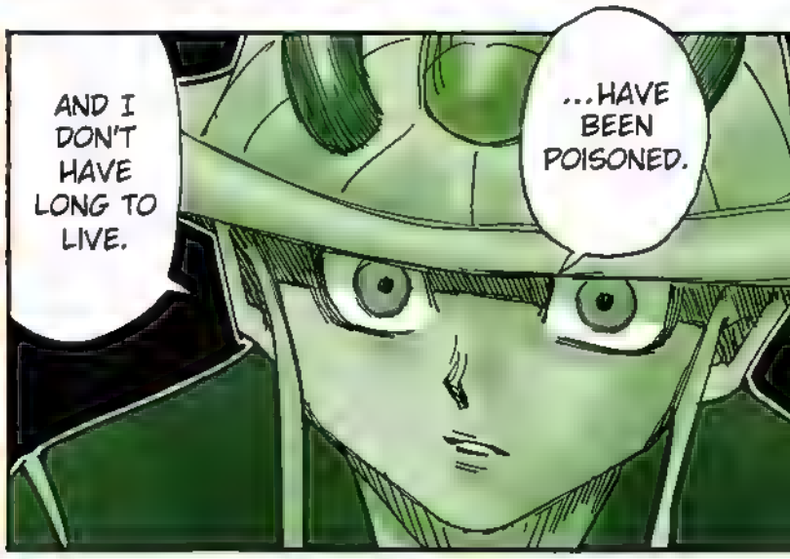
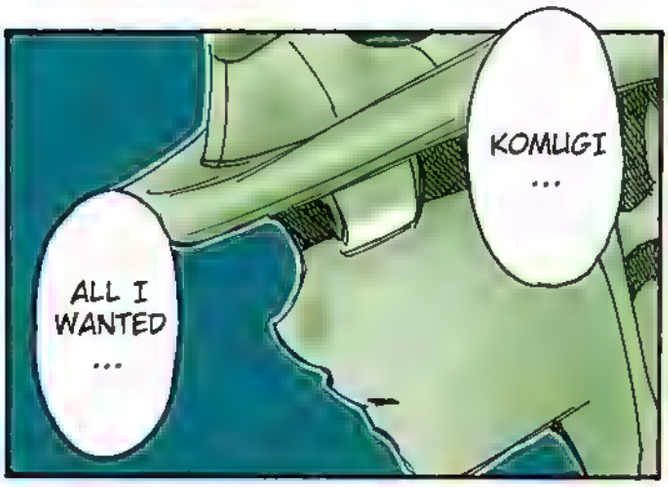
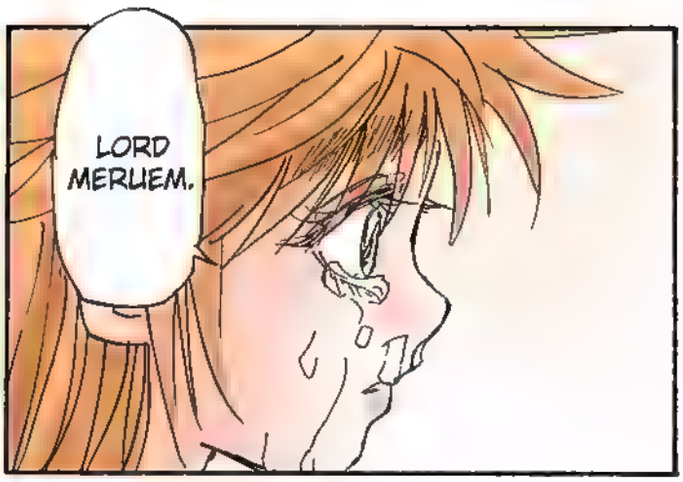
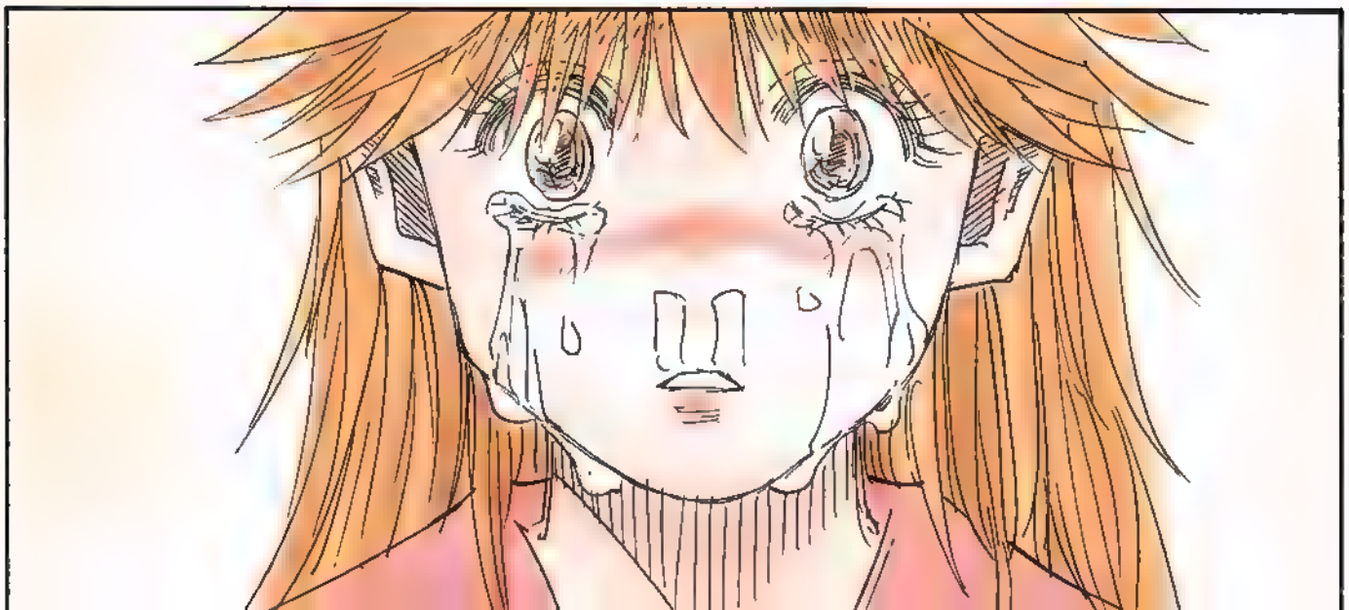


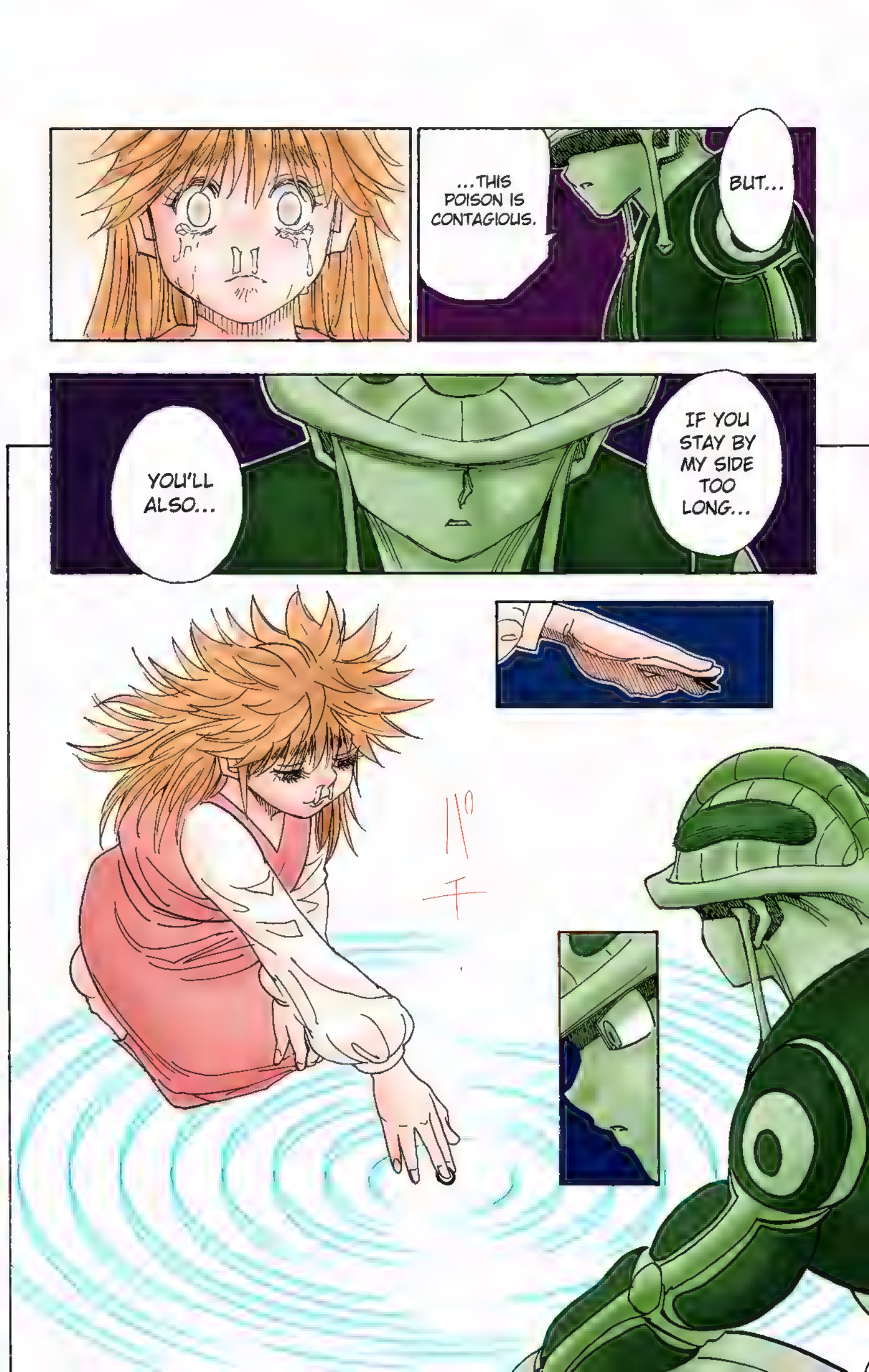

AND I DON'T HAVE LONG TO LIVE.
...HAVE BEEN POISONED.


ALL I WANTED ...
KOMUGI ...

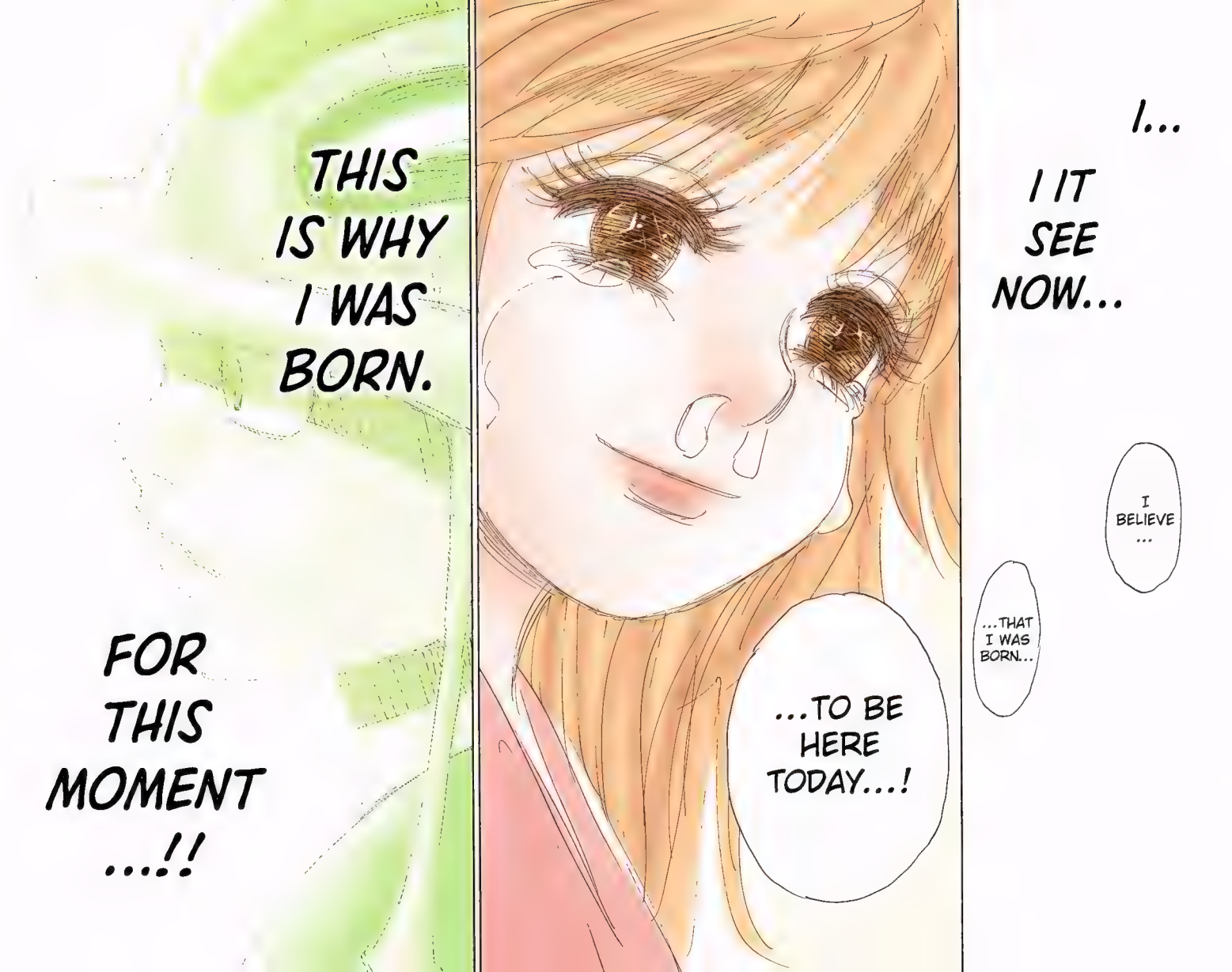

LORD MERUEM.

...WAS TO SPEND MY REMAINING MOMENTS PLAYING WITH YOU.




...THIS POISON IS CONTAGIOUS.
BUT...
YOU'LL ALSO...
IF YOU STAY BY MY SIDE TOO LONG...

...BUSTER...?!
A NOVELTY BUSTER...
...I AM VERY HAPPY.
RIGHT IN THIS MOMENT...
LORD MERUEM.
...ALLOW ME TO GO WITH YOU.
I MAY NOT BE WORTHY, BUT PLEASE...


THIS IS WHY I WAS BORN.
FOR THIS MOMENT ...!!
...TO BE HERE TODAY...!
...THAT I WAS BORN...
I BELIEVE ...
I... I IT SEE NOW...

4-4-1, SOLDIER.

6-5-1, CALVARY.

2-7-2, NEW SHINOBI.

……

……

KOMUGI …

ARE YOU THERE …?

YES, I SURE AM.

I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

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KOMUGI ...

YES, YES?

WHAT IS IT?

KOMUGI...

ARE YOU THERE ...?

YES, YES. I'M HERE.

LET'S PLAY ANOTHER MATCH. THE LOSER GOES FIRST!

4-5-1, DUKE.

.....

THAT'S CHECK-MATE...

KOMUGI...

ARE YOU THERE ...?

YES, OF COURSE.

IT'S YOUR TURN, LORD MERUEM.

PERHAPS ...

1-5-1, KING.

9-5-1, KING.

.....

IT APPEARS ...

THAT I'VE NEVER DEFEATED YOU ONCE...

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!!

WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED !!

I FEEL...

RATHER TIRED...

I SHALL SLEEP...

JUST A SHORT WHILE...

WILL YOU...

KEEP HOLDING MY HAND...?

I'LL...

WAKE UP SHORTLY...

I CAN HEAR YOU.

ALL RIGHT, LIKE THIS?

.....

KOMUGI ...?

KOMUGI ...? ARE YOU THERE?

KOMUGI...

YEE, YES? WHAT IS IT?

I'VE NEVER LEFT YOUR SIDE.

I'LL... ALWAYS BE HERE!!

WILL YOU...

STAY BY MY SIDE... UNTIL THEN...?

THANK YOU.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

GOOD NIGHT...

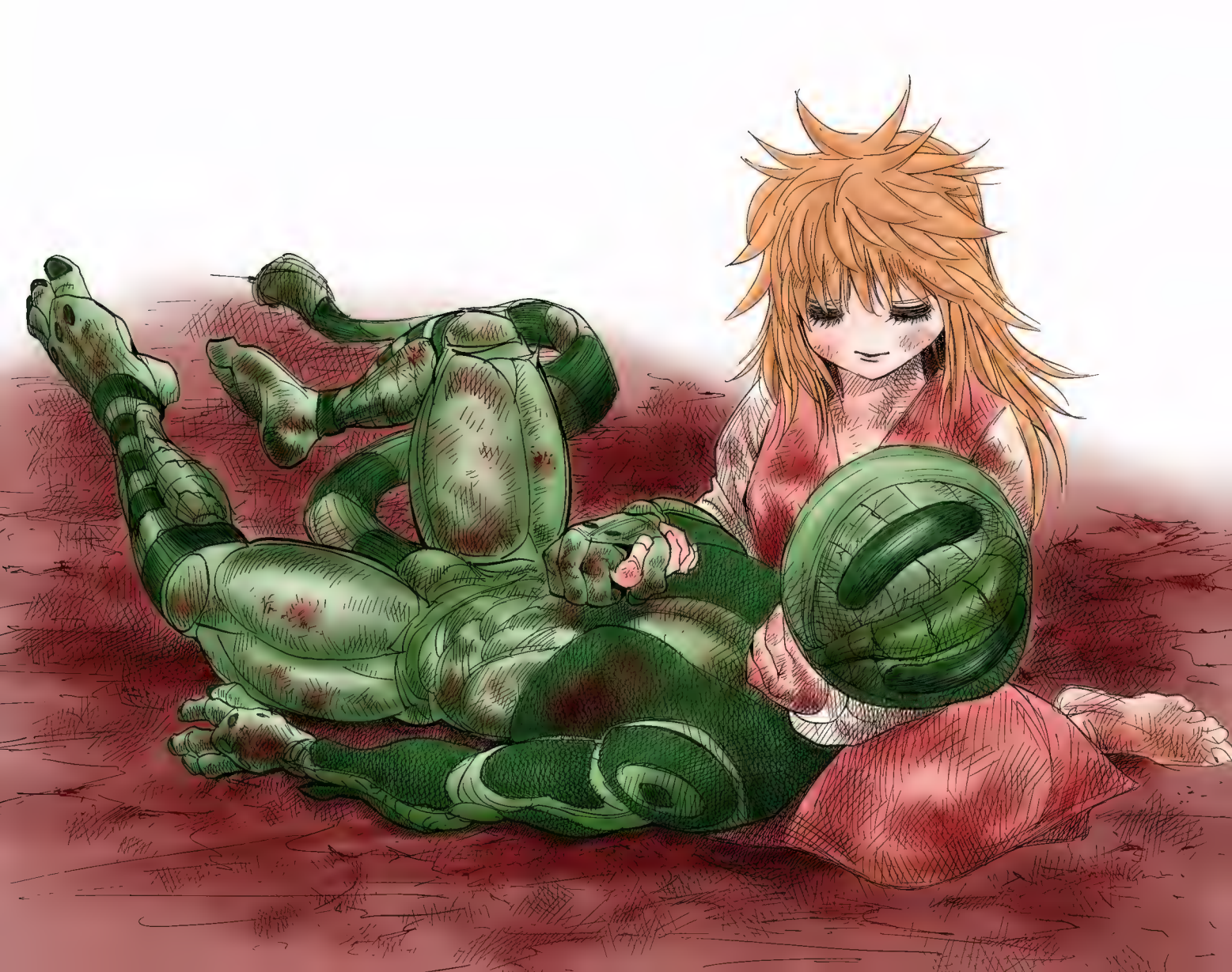
MERUEM...

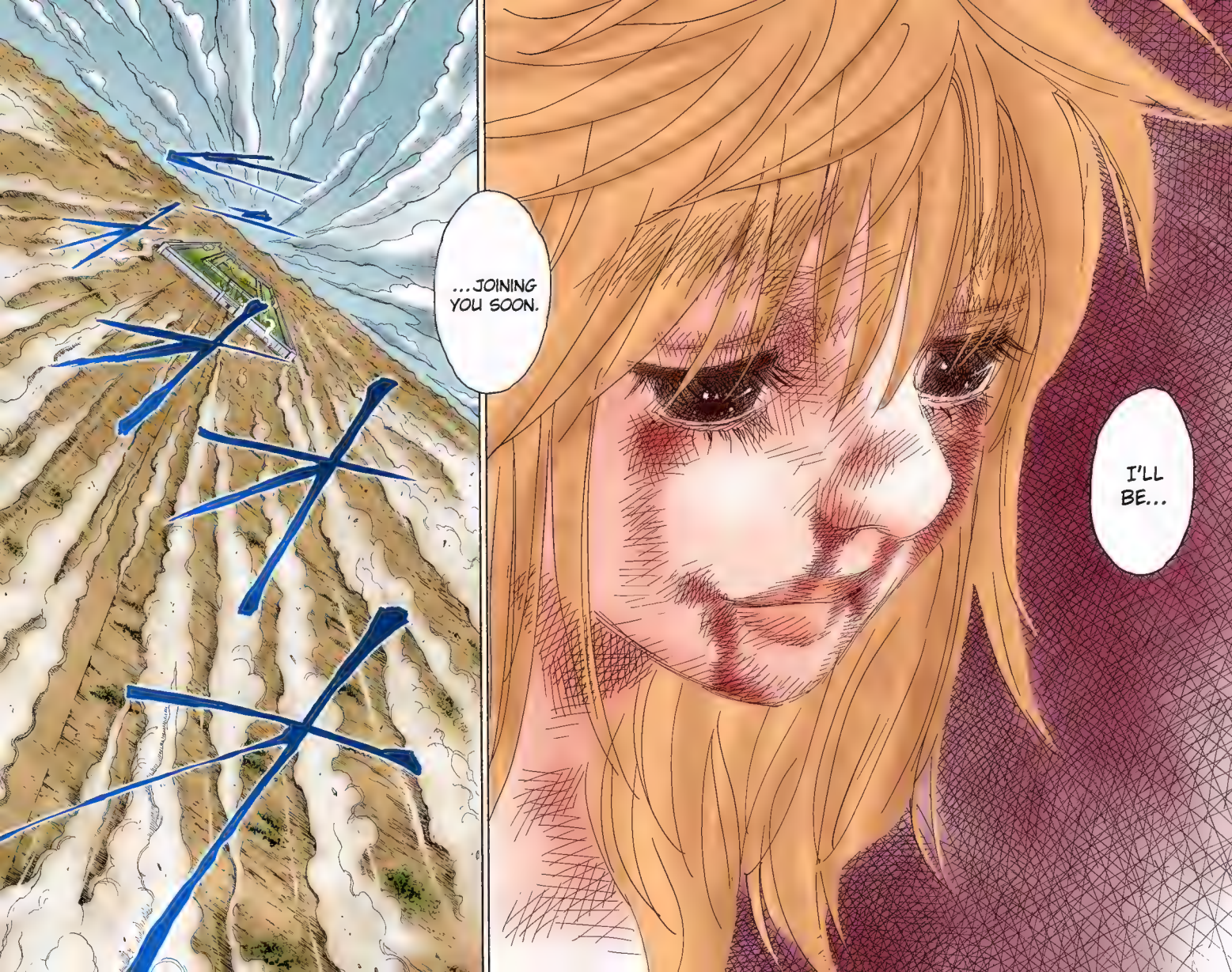
SAY MY NAME...

ONE LAST TIME ...?

WILL YOU CALL ME...

YES ...?




...JOINING YOU SOON.
I'LL BE...

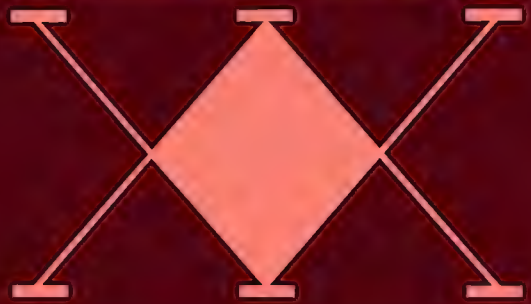
THE REPUBLIC OF EAST GORTEAU AND THE NGL WERE TENTATIVELY PLACED UNDER THE PROVISIONAL RULE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, EFFECTIVELY DISMANTLING BOTH COUNTRIES.

A GRAND TOTAL OF 478,594 CITIZENS DIED IN THE SELECTION PROCESS, INCLUDING 12,905 SOLDIERS. ANOTHER 46,613 CIVILIANS FELL ILL FROM POUF'S HYPNOSIS AND DIED WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER COMING BACK TO THEIR SENSES.

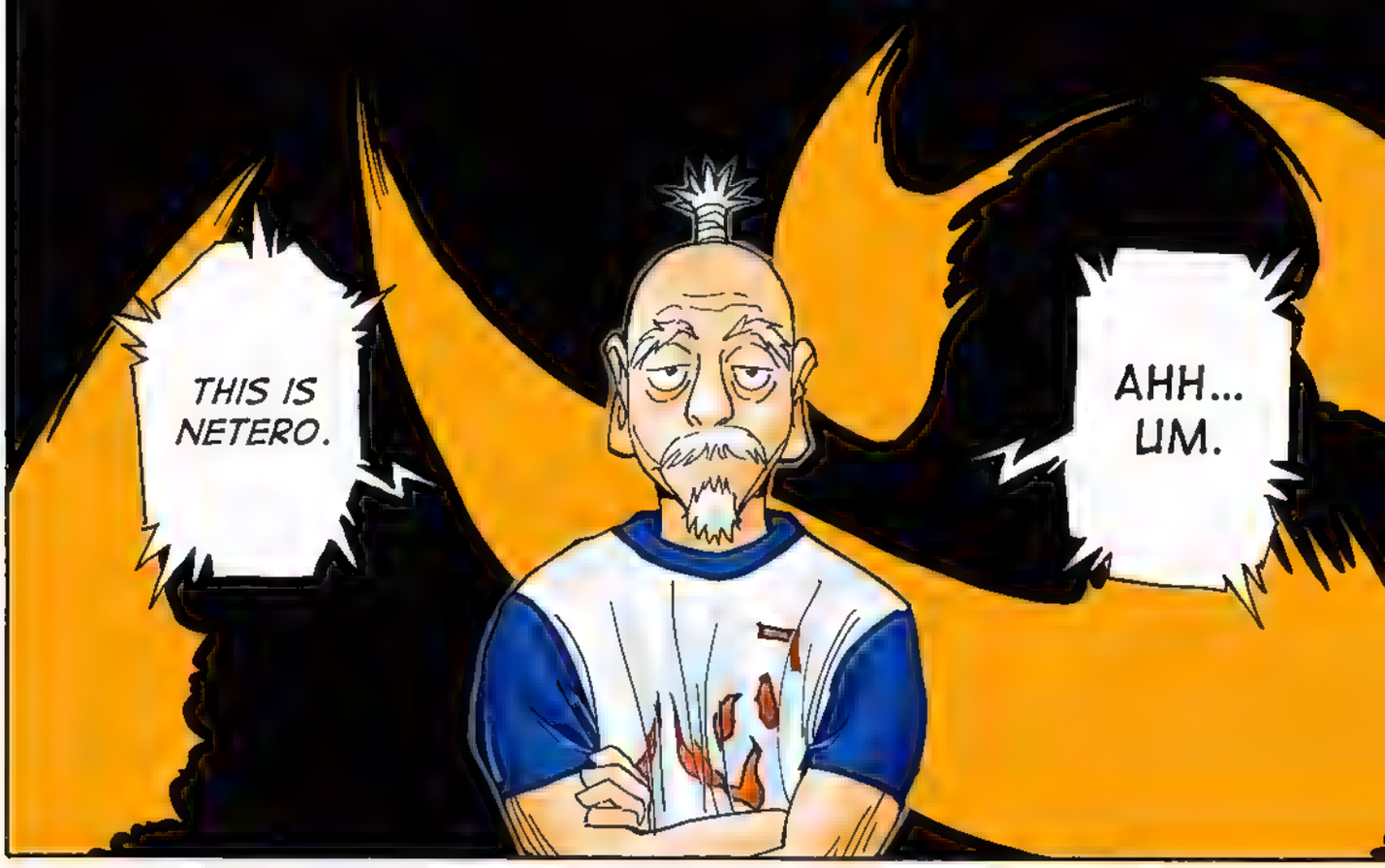
AS FOR THE NGL, THERE WAS A PROPOSAL TO GIVE ALL UNINHABITED LAND PERMANENT DESIGNATION AS A NATURE RESERVE TO PREVENT FUTURE CONFLICTS. THIS WAS APPROVED IN THE INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

BETWEEN THE TWO FORMER NATIONS, 5 MILLION SURVIVORS BECAME REFUGEES. THE MITENE UNION'S THREE REMAINING COUNTRIES DIVIDED THE FORMER EAST GORTEAU'S ASSETS EQUALLY AND AGREED TO HAVE JOINT CONTROL OVER THE TERRITORY.

...OF THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION.

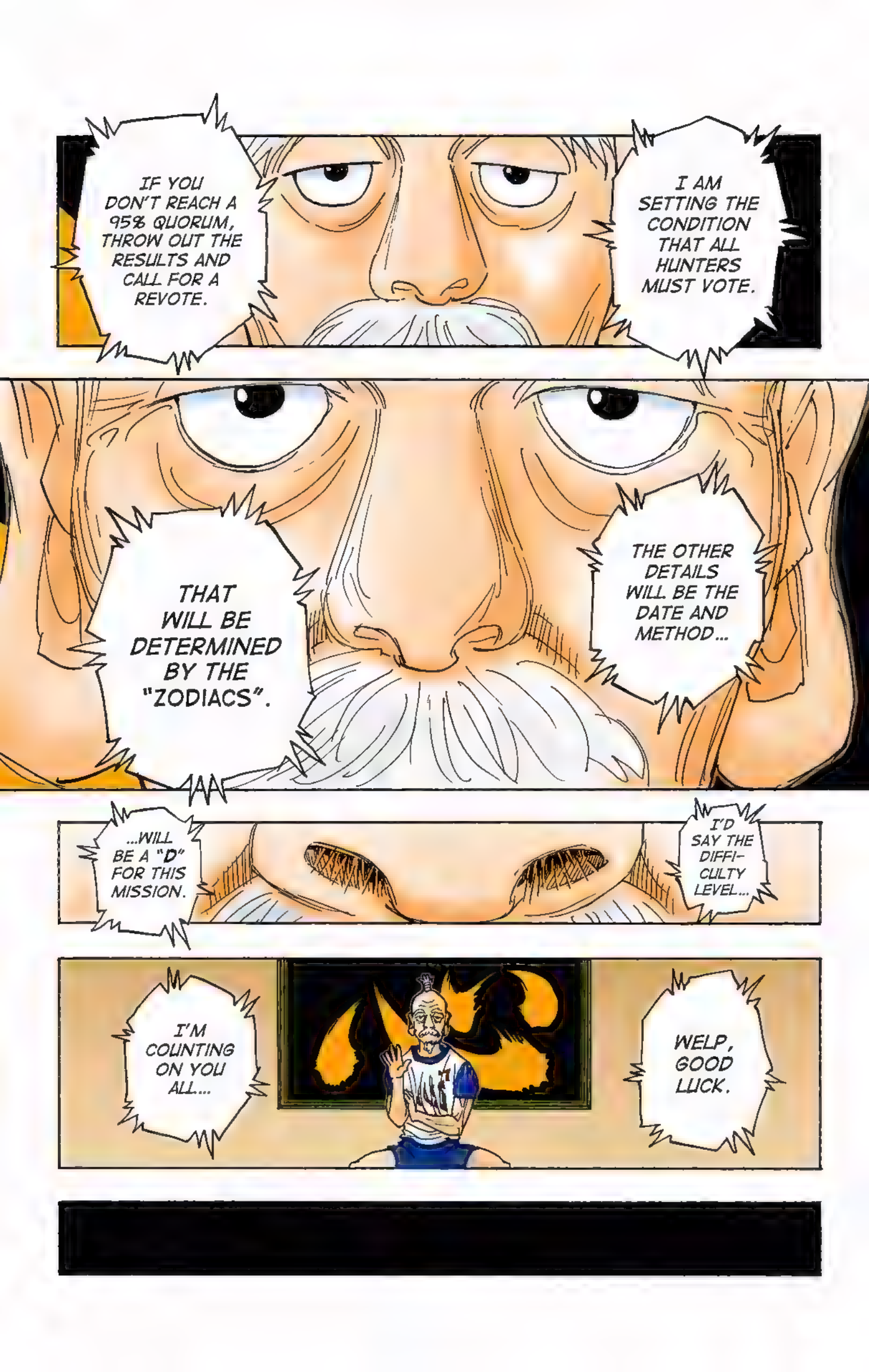


IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NATURE RESERVES WOULD BE PLACED UNDER JURISDICTION...


THIS IS NETERO.
AHH... UM.

SO I'M LEAVING THE REST TO YOU.
I'M RESIGNING AS CHAIRMAN.

WILL BE DECIDED BY AN ELECTION.
THE NEXT CHAIR-MAN...


IF YOU DON'T REACH A 95% QUORUM, THROW OUT THE RESULTS AND CALL FOR A REVOTE.
I AM SETTING THE CONDITION THAT ALL HUNTERS MUST VOTE.
THAT WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE "ZODIACS".
THE OTHER DETAILS WILL BE THE DATE AND METHOD...
...WILL BE A "D" FOR THIS MISSION.
I'D SAY THE DIFFI-CULTY LEVEL...
I'M COUNTING ON YOU ALL...
WELP, GOOD LUCK.

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WAAAAAAH

# "THE ZODIACS"

THEY ARE THE TWELVE HUNTERS WHOSE ABILITIES THE CHAIRMAN HAD RECOGNIZED. IN EMERGENCIES, HE ENTRUSTED THEM WITH LEADING THE ASSOCIATION. DURING HIS FREE TIME, THEY WERE EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY HIM IN LEISURE ACTIVITIES.

EACH IS GIVEN A CODE NAME. AND MOST MEMBERS, OUT OF LOYALTY TO THE CHAIRMAN, LEGALLY CHANGED THEIR NAMES, AND ALTERED THEIR APPEARANCES TO MATCH THAT THEME. THOUGH THERE ARE SOME EXCEPTIONS.

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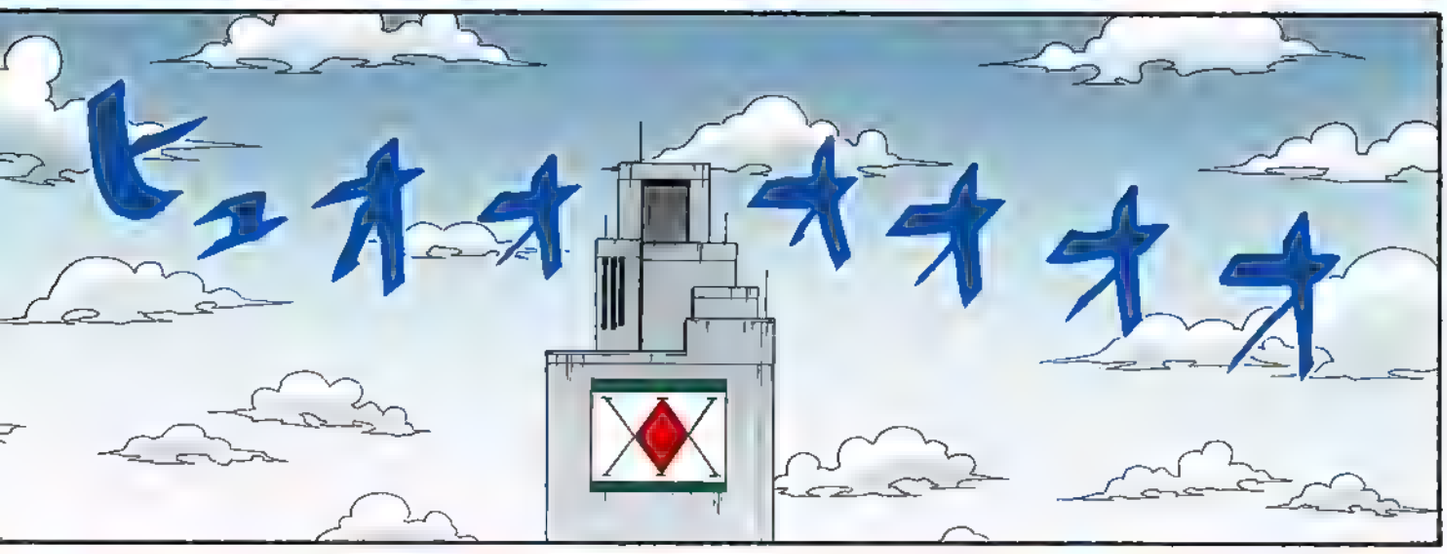


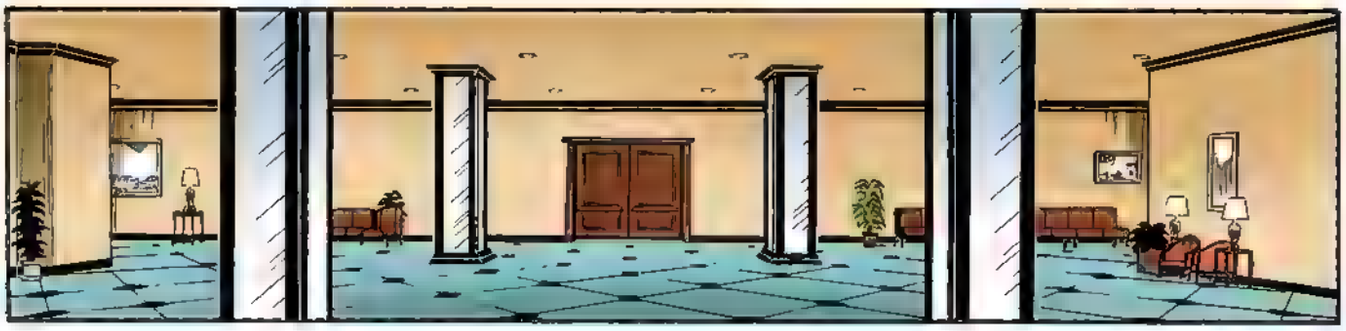

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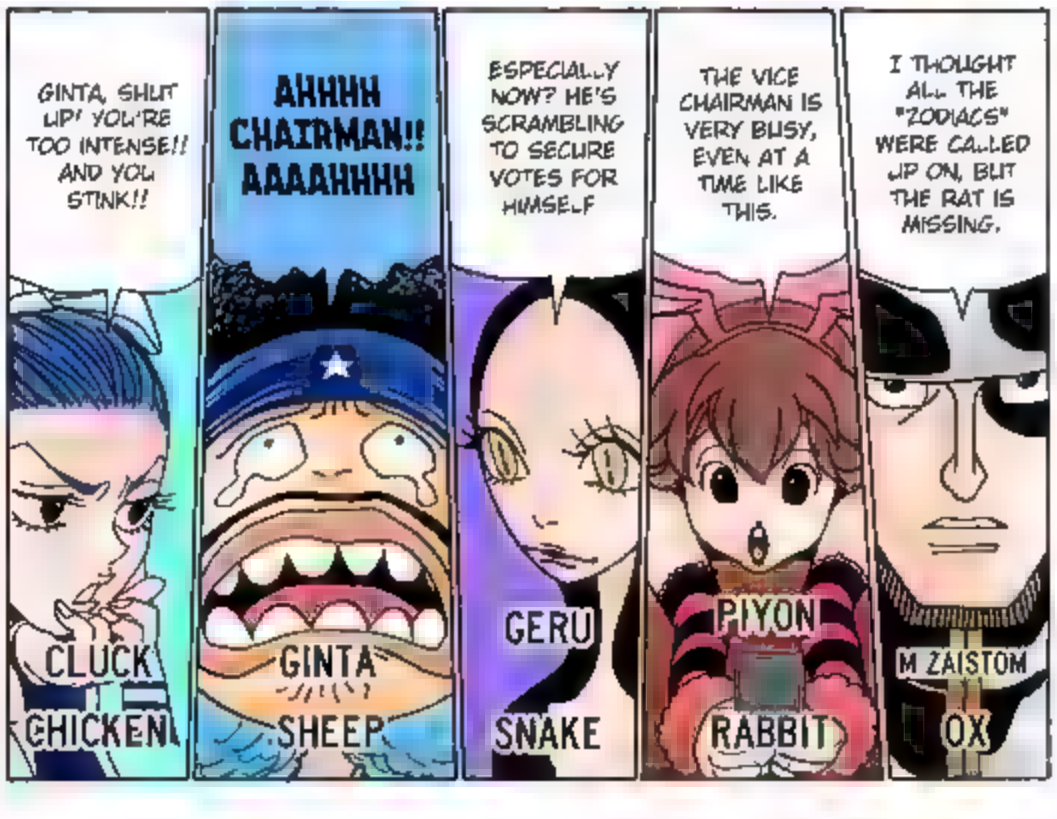
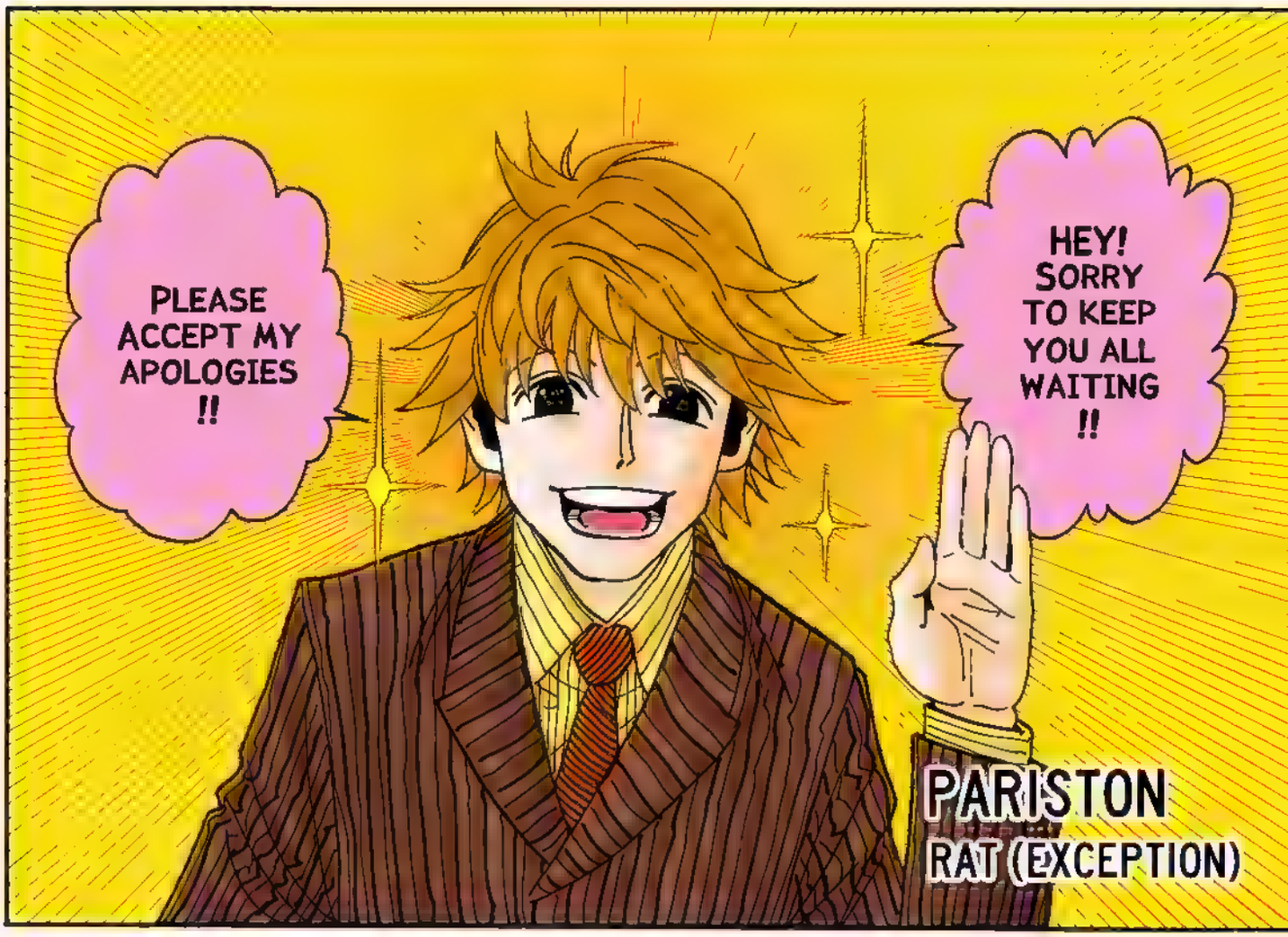
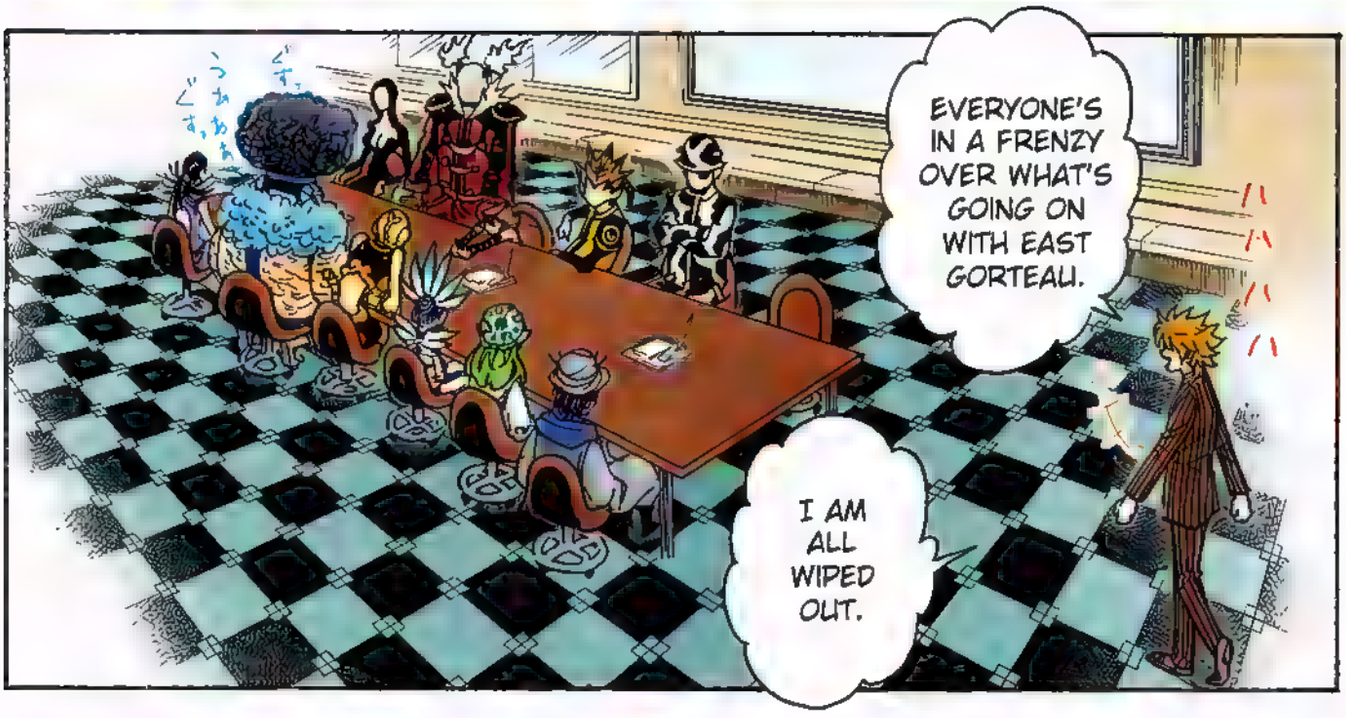
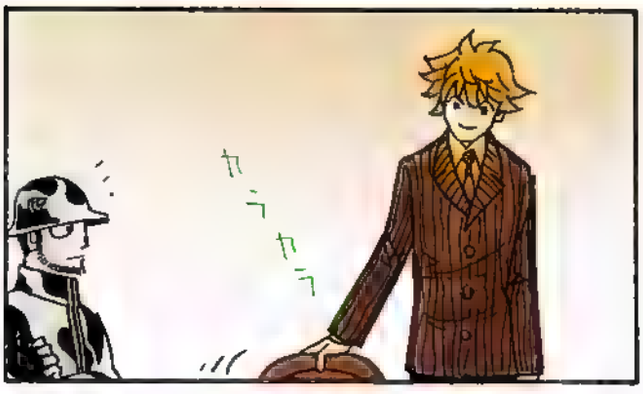
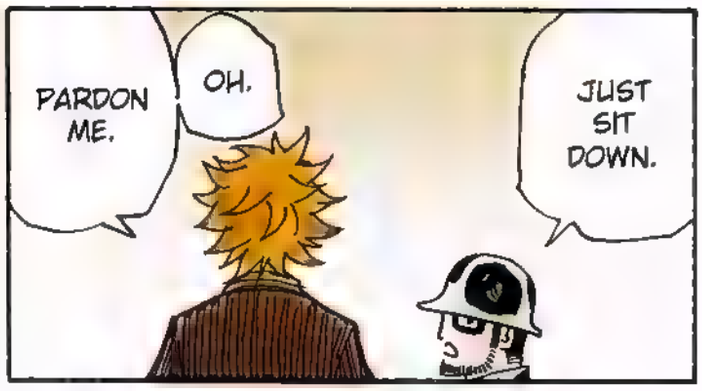
THE CHAIRMAN WANTED US TO DECIDE TOGETHER.
SACCHO HORSE
LET'S WAIT FOR HIM TO ARRIVE
THE WORD "ABOVE" WAS USED INCORRECTLY YOU WANTED TO HUNT THE ANTS YOURSELF
DID YOU NOT?
CHEADEL DOG
AGREED
MOREL AND KNOV WERE ABOVE THAT KIND OF JOB!!
KANZAI TIGER
I CAN'T ACCEPT THIS...!!
BOTOBAI DRAGON
WHY DIDN'T THE CHAIRMAN CALL US TO HELP?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "EVEN" I SHOWED UP? I'LL KILL YOU, MONKEY
GING BOAR (EXCEPTION)
GO AHEAD AND TRY DUMBASS.
EVEN THAT HABITUAL TRUANT GING IS HERE. . GUESS THE RAT'S JUST SCUMBAG.
SAIYU MONKEY


GINTA, SHUT UP! YOU'RE TOO INTENSE!! AND YOU STINK!!
CLUCK CHICKEN
AHHHH CHAIRMAN!! AAAAHHHH
GINTA SHEEP
ESPECIALLY NOW? HE'S SCRAMBLING TO SECURE VOTES FOR HIMSELF
GERU SNAKE
THE VICE CHAIRMAN IS VERY BUSY, EVEN AT A TIME LIKE THIS.
PIYON RABBIT
I THOUGHT ALL THE "ZODIACS" WERE CALLED UP ON, BUT THE RAT IS MISSING.
M ZAISTOM OX

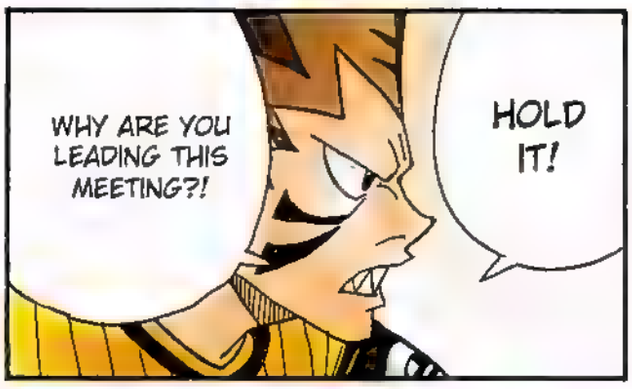

PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES !!
HEY! SORRY TO KEEP YOU ALL WAITING !!
PARISTON
RAT (EXCEPTION)

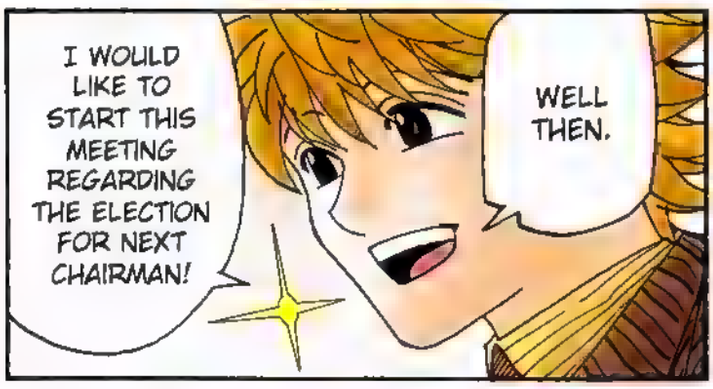

EVERYONE'S IN A FRENZY OVER WHAT'S GOING ON WITH EAST GORTEAU.
I AM ALL WIPED OUT.

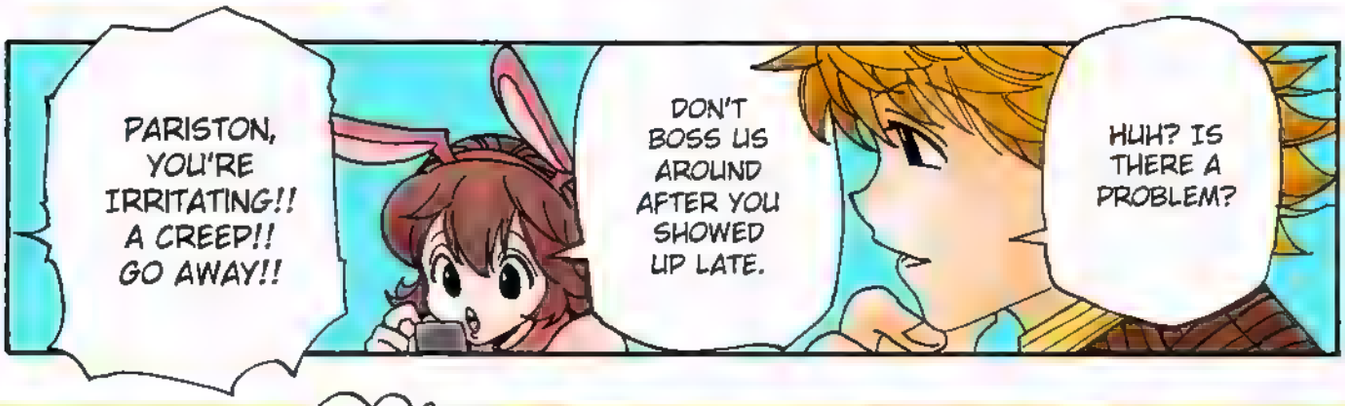


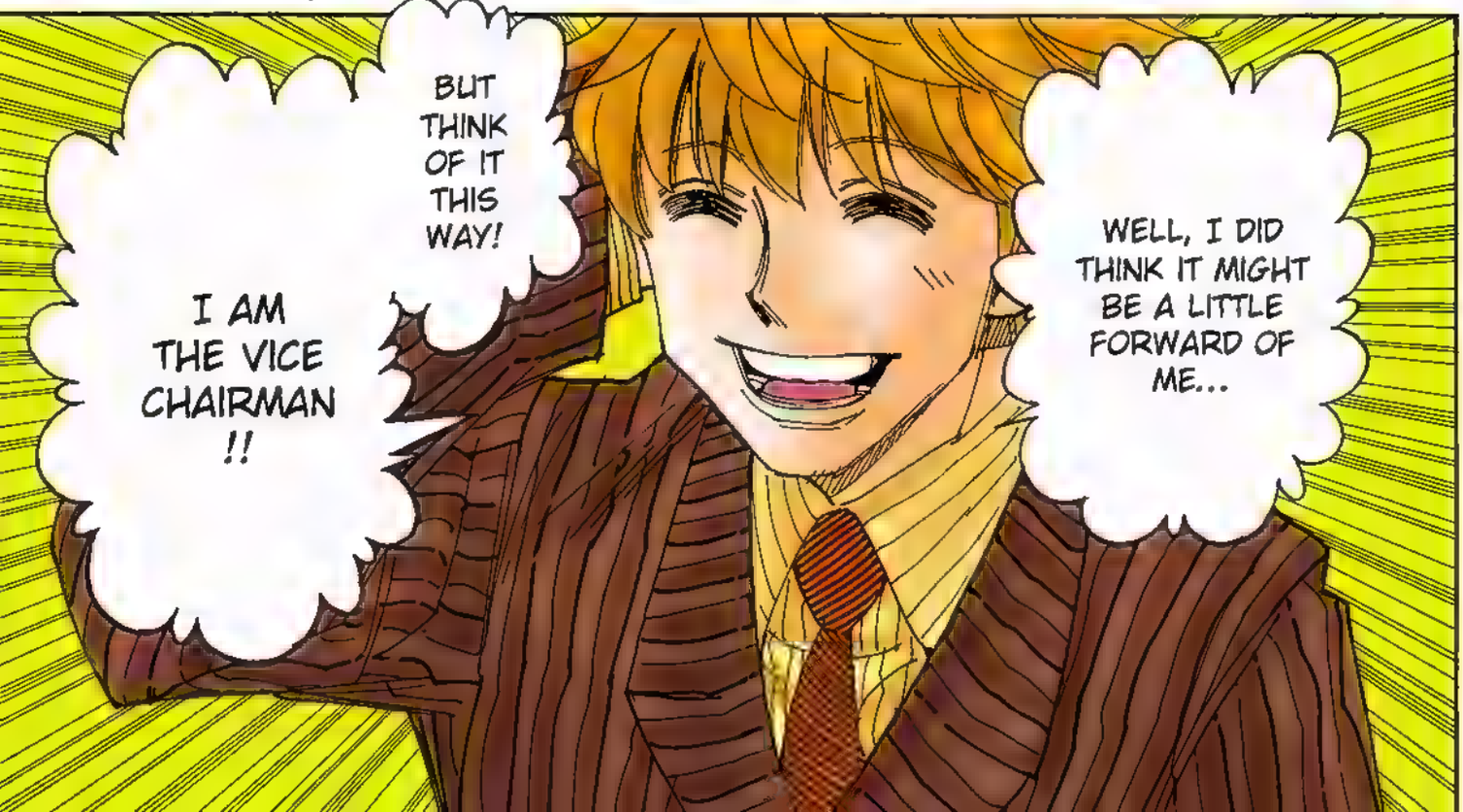

PARDON ME.
OH.
JUST SIT DOWN.

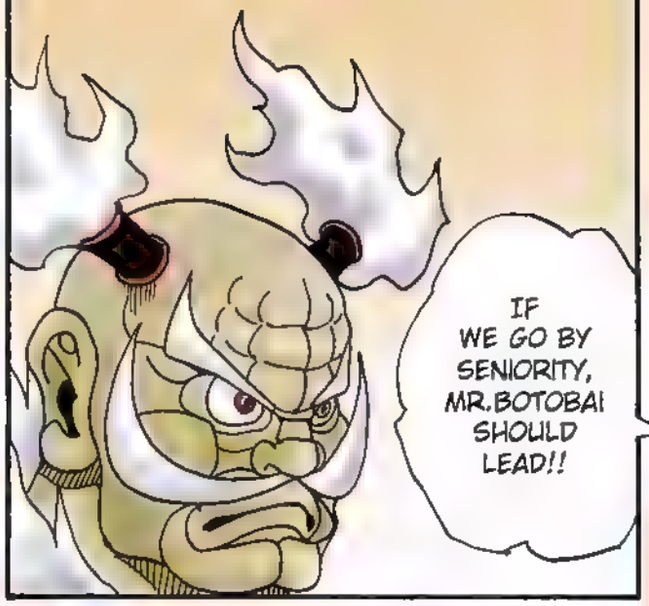
HEH
HEH

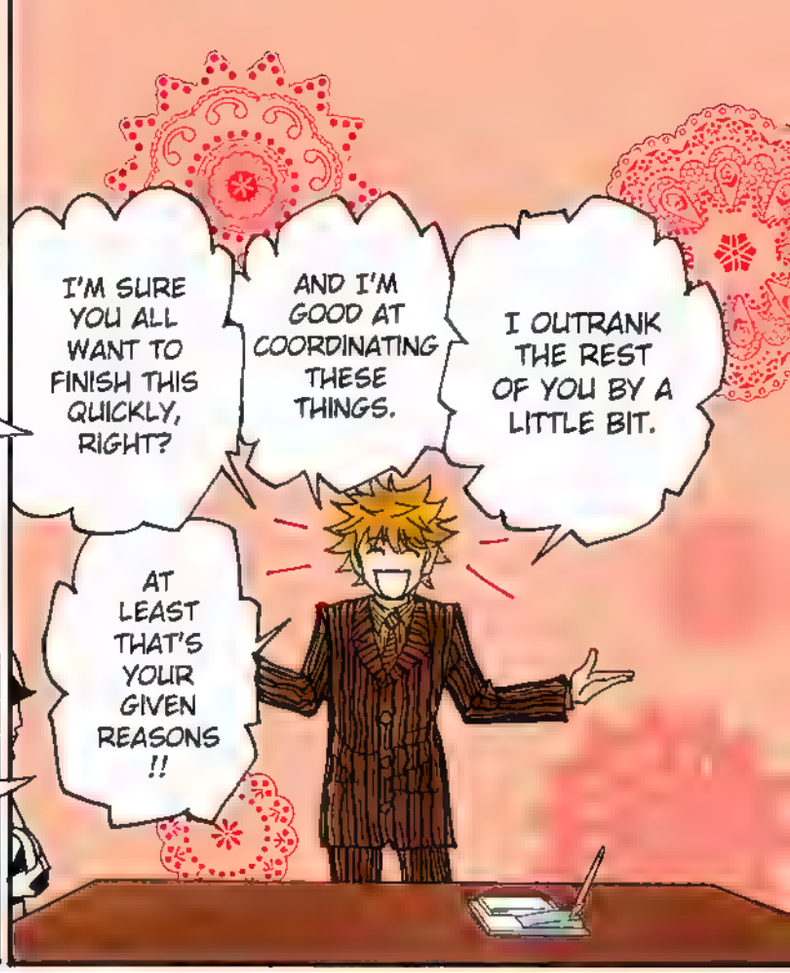

WHY ARE YOU LEADING THIS MEETING?!
HOLD IT!

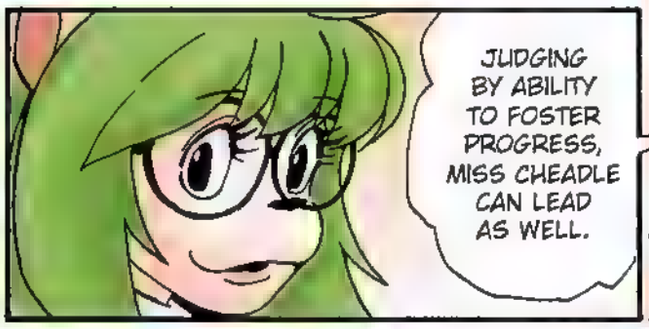

I WOULD LIKE TO START THIS MEETING REGARDING THE ELECTION FOR NEXT CHAIRMAN!
WELL THEN.

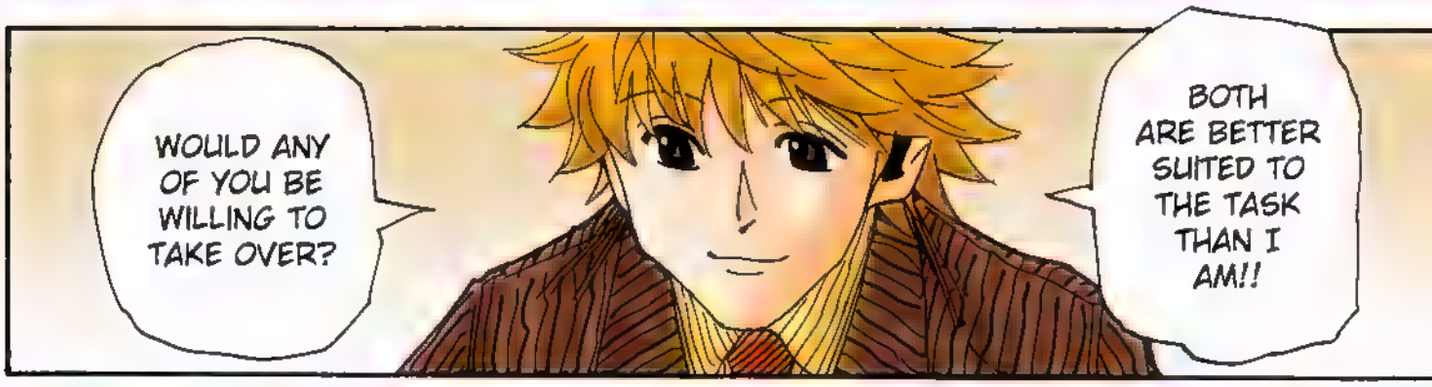

PARISTON, YOU'RE IRRITATING!! A CREEP!! GO AWAY!!
DON'T BOSS US AROUND AFTER YOU SHOWED UP LATE.
HUH? IS THERE A PROBLEM?

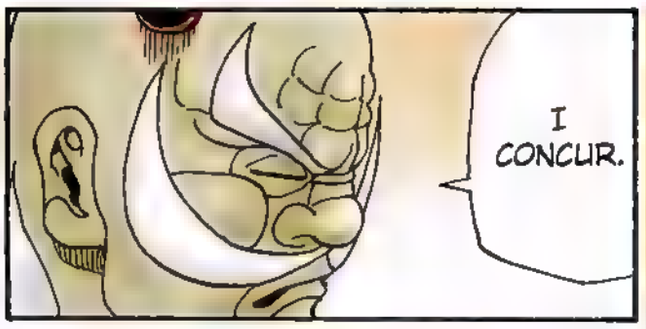

BUT THINK OF IT THIS WAY!
I AM THE VICE CHAIRMAN !!
WELL, I DID THINK IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE FORWARD OF ME...


IF WE GO BY SENIORITY, MR.BOTOBAI SHOULD LEAD!!

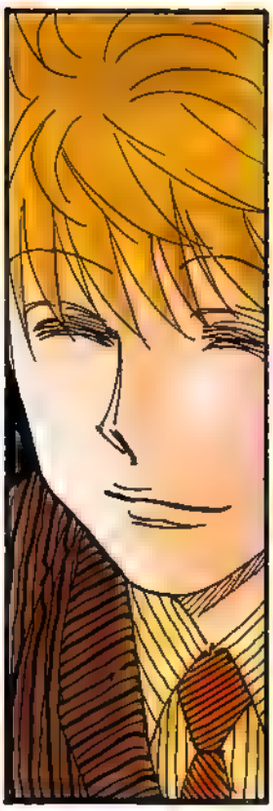

I'M SURE YOU ALL WANT TO FINISH THIS QUICKLY, RIGHT?
AND I'M GOOD AT COORDINATING THESE THINGS.
I OUTRANK THE REST OF YOU BY A LITTLE BIT.
AT LEAST THAT'S YOUR GIVEN REASONS !!


JUDGING BY ABILITY TO FOSTER PROGRESS, MISS CHEADLE CAN LEAD AS WELL.

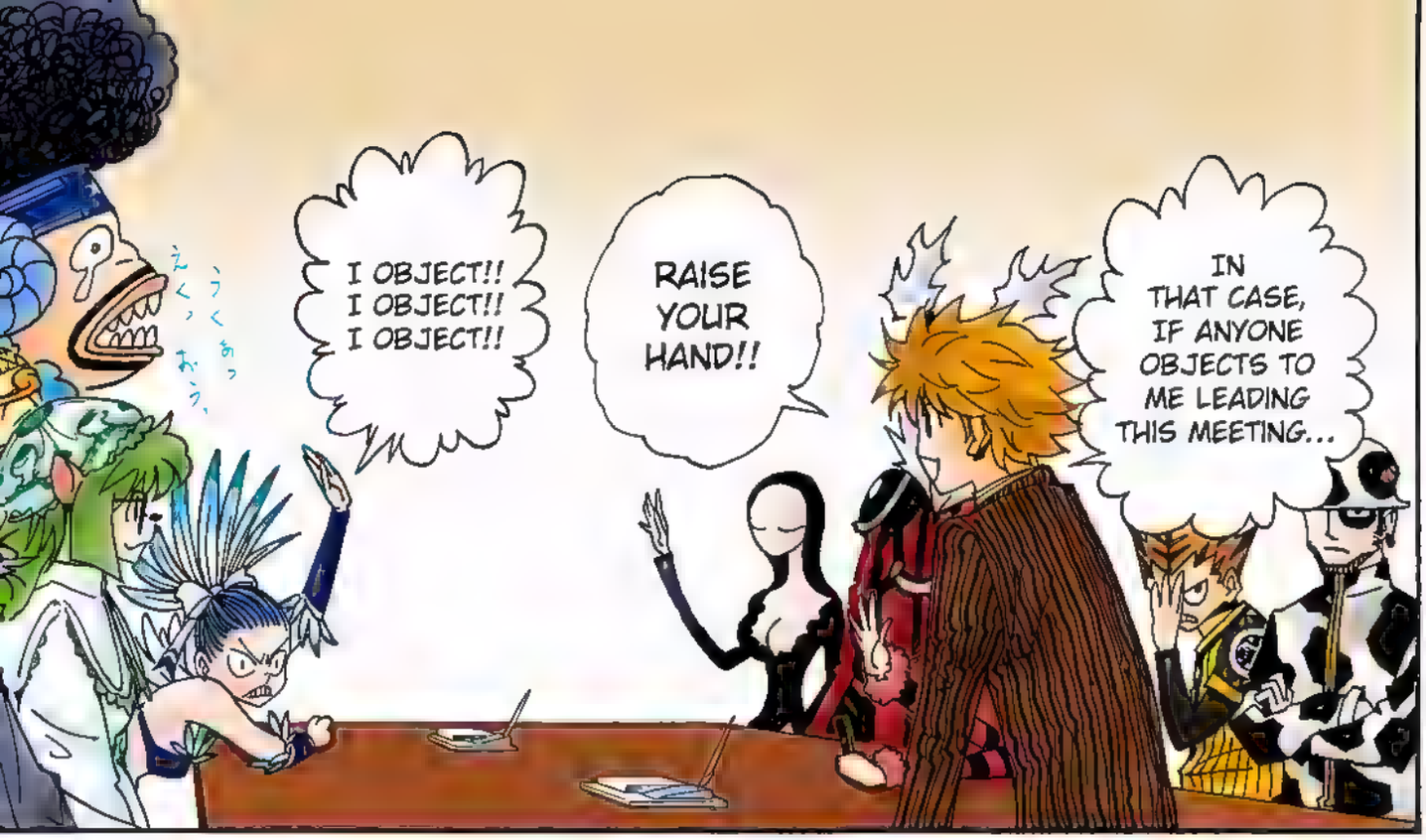

WOULD ANY OF YOU BE WILLING TO TAKE OVER?
BOTH ARE BETTER SUITED TO THE TASK THAN I AM!!

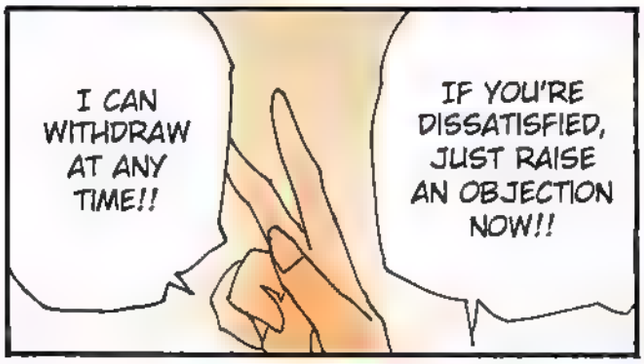

I CONCUR.

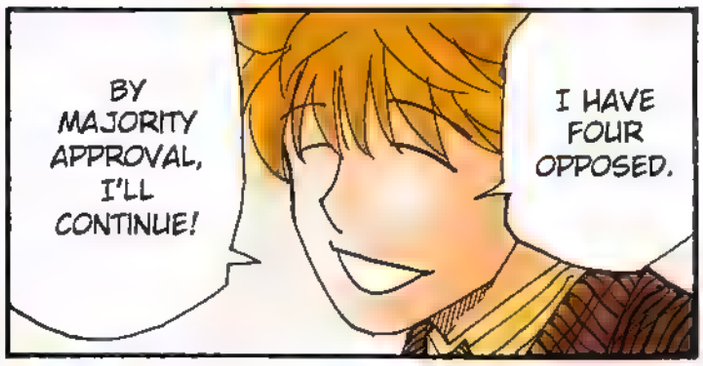
JUST COME OUT AND SAY YOU WANT TO DO IT, SCUMBAG.
FORGET IT. JUST LEAD THE MEETING.

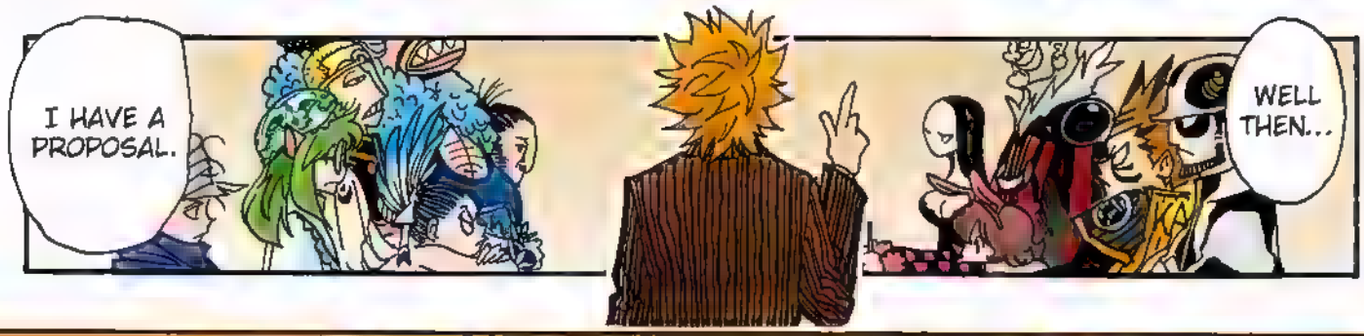


I'LL REFRAIN. ↓ RAT.
I'D GET DERAILED ANYWAY. ↓ RAT.


I OBJECT!! I OBJECT!! I OBJECT!!
RAISE YOUR HAND!!
IN THAT CASE, IF ANYONE OBJECTS TO ME LEADING THIS MEETING...

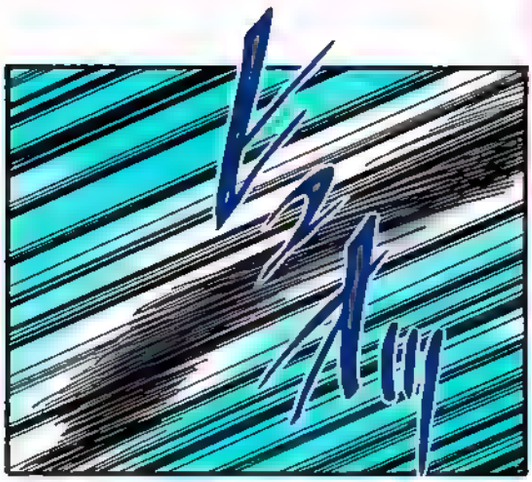

I CAN WITHDRAW AT ANY TIME!!
IF YOU'RE DISSATISFIED, JUST RAISE AN OBJECTION NOW!!

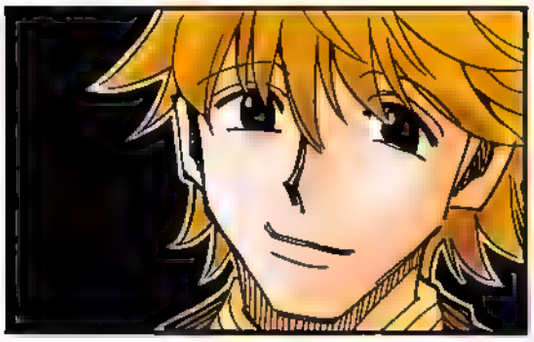

BY MAJORITY APPROVAL, I'LL CONTINUE!
I HAVE FOUR OPPOSED.

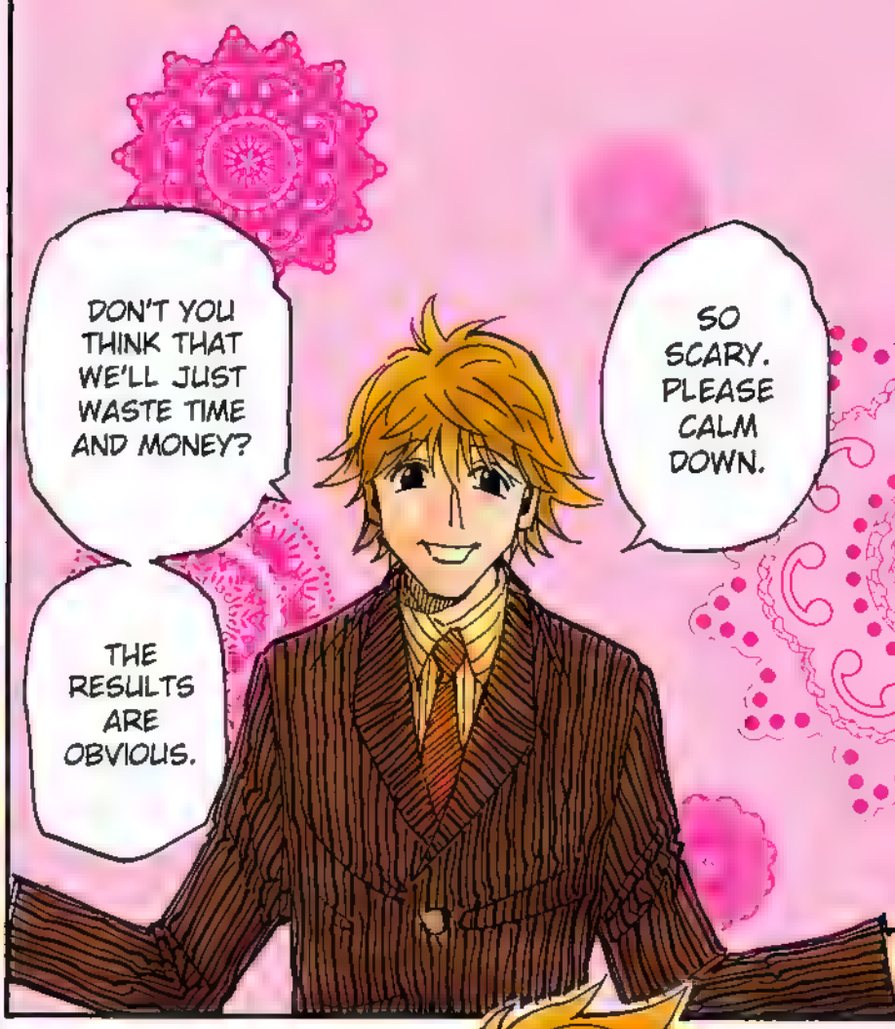

I HAVE A PROPOSAL.
WELL THEN...

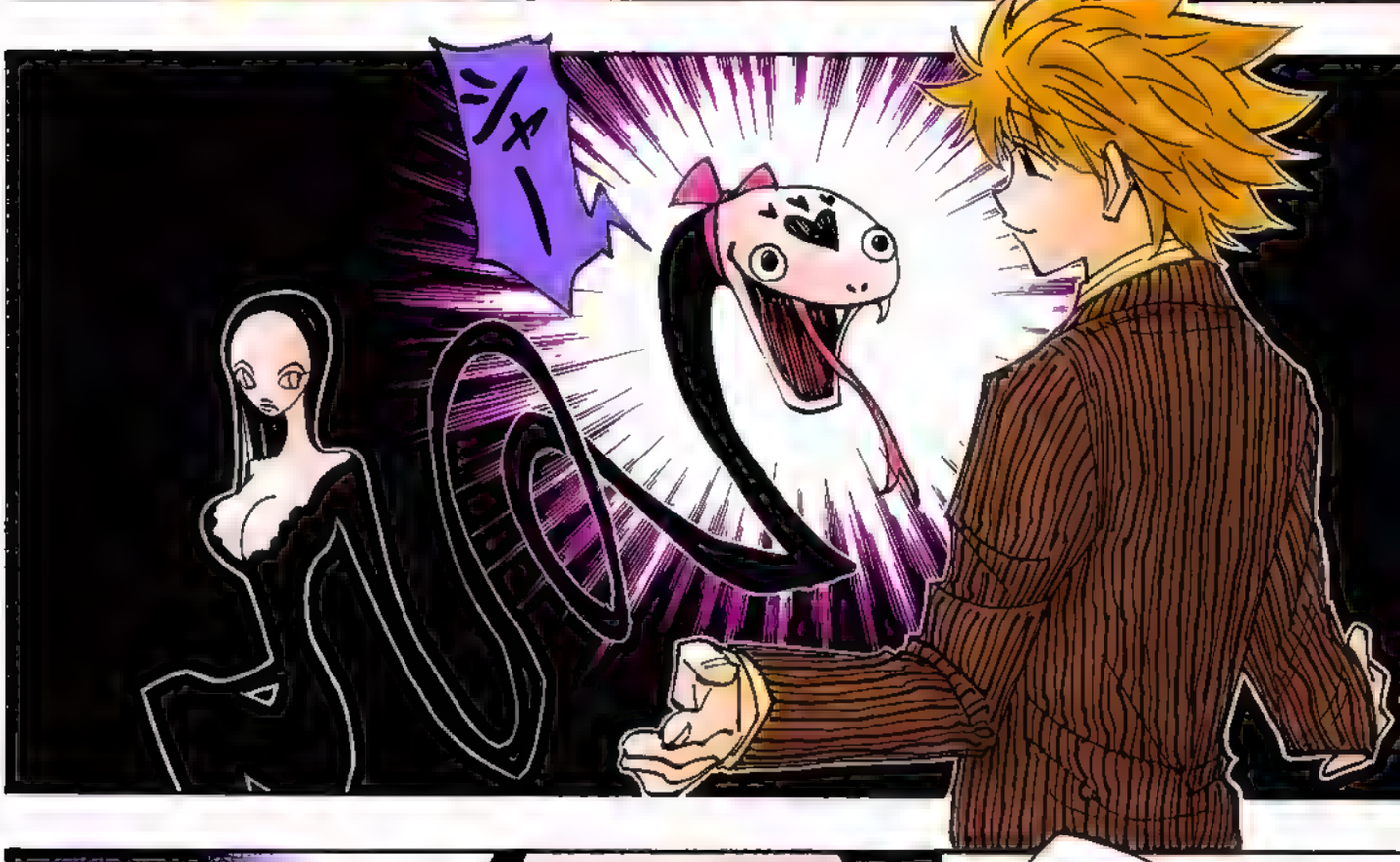
SO WHY DON'T WE SKIP THE ELECTION?
I NOMINATE MYSELF AS THE FORMER CHAIRMAN.

DAMN BRAT!
DO YOU WANNA DIE...!!






DON'T YOU THINK THAT WE'LL JUST WASTE TIME AND MONEY?
SO SCARY. PLEASE CALM DOWN.
THE RESULTS ARE OBVIOUS.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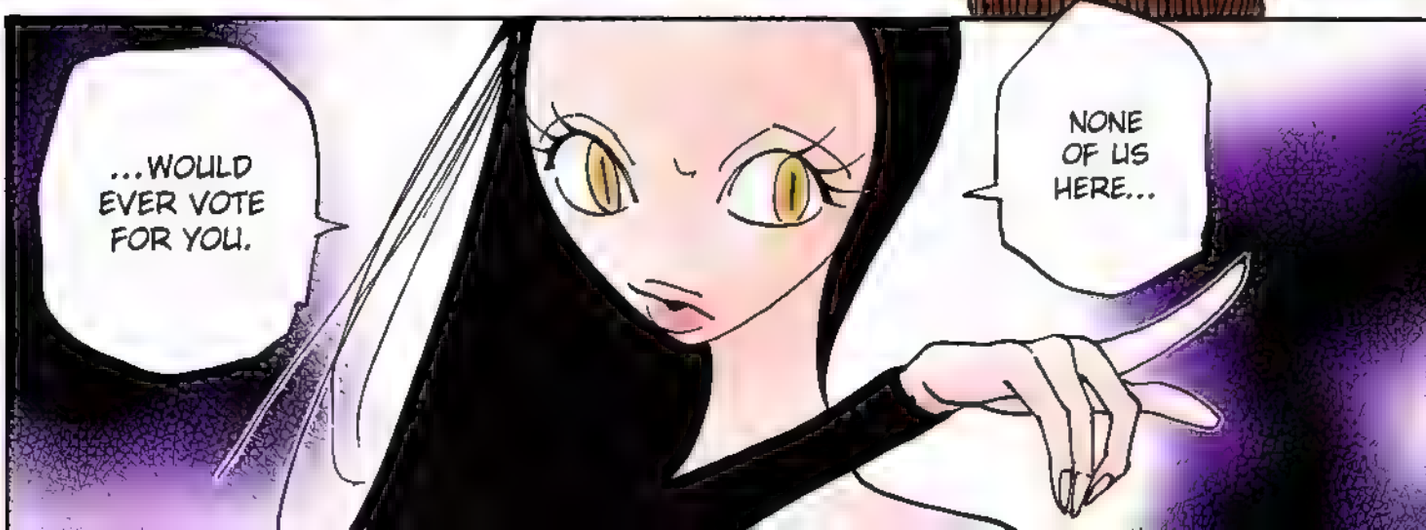
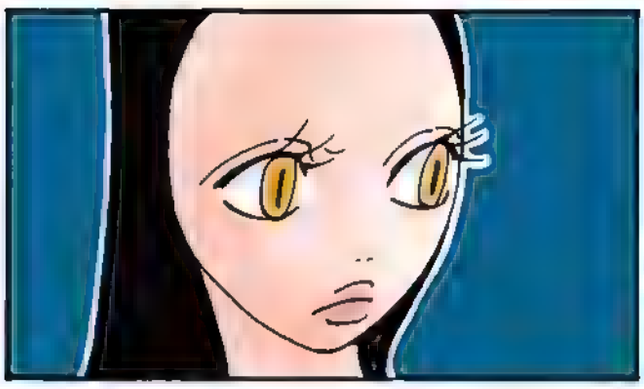
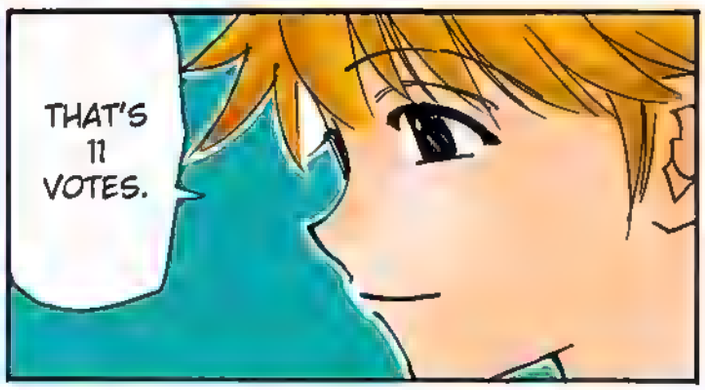
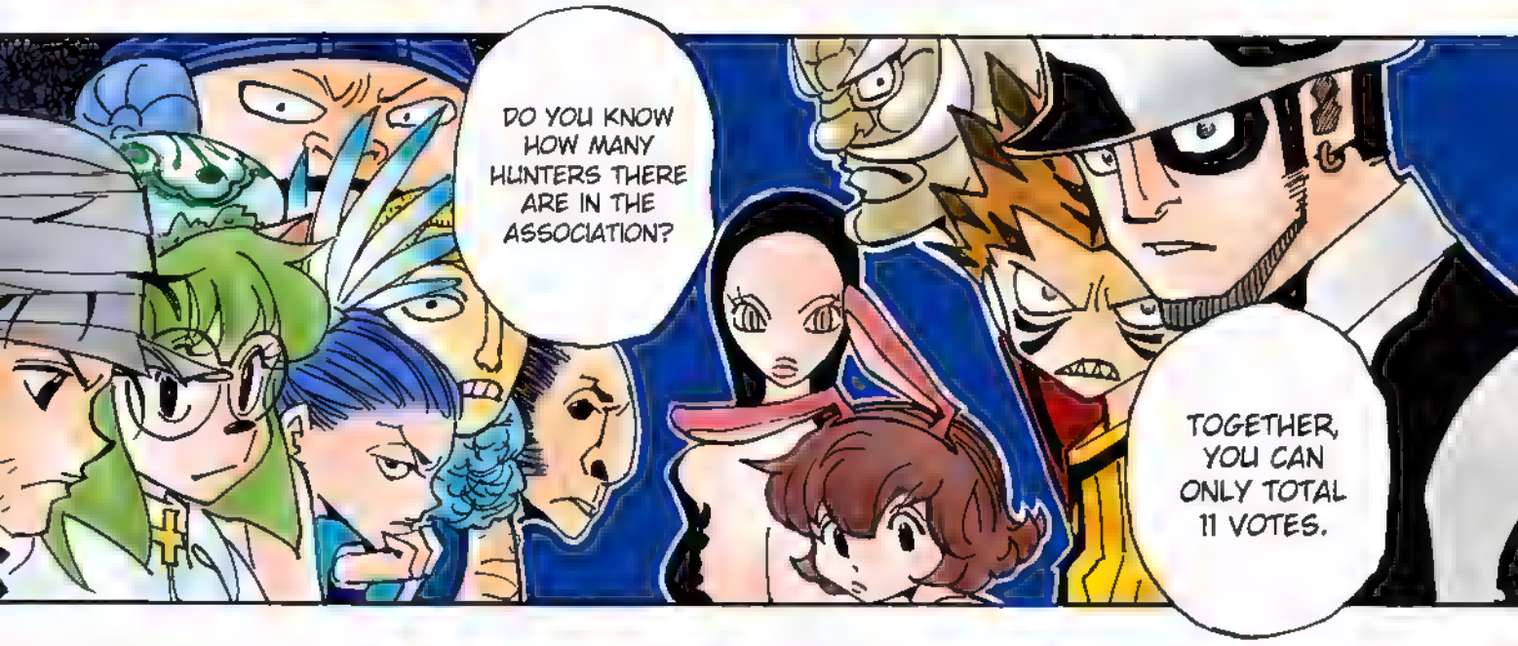
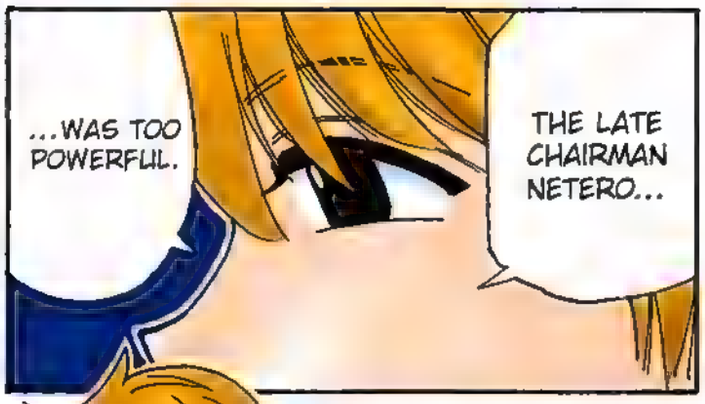
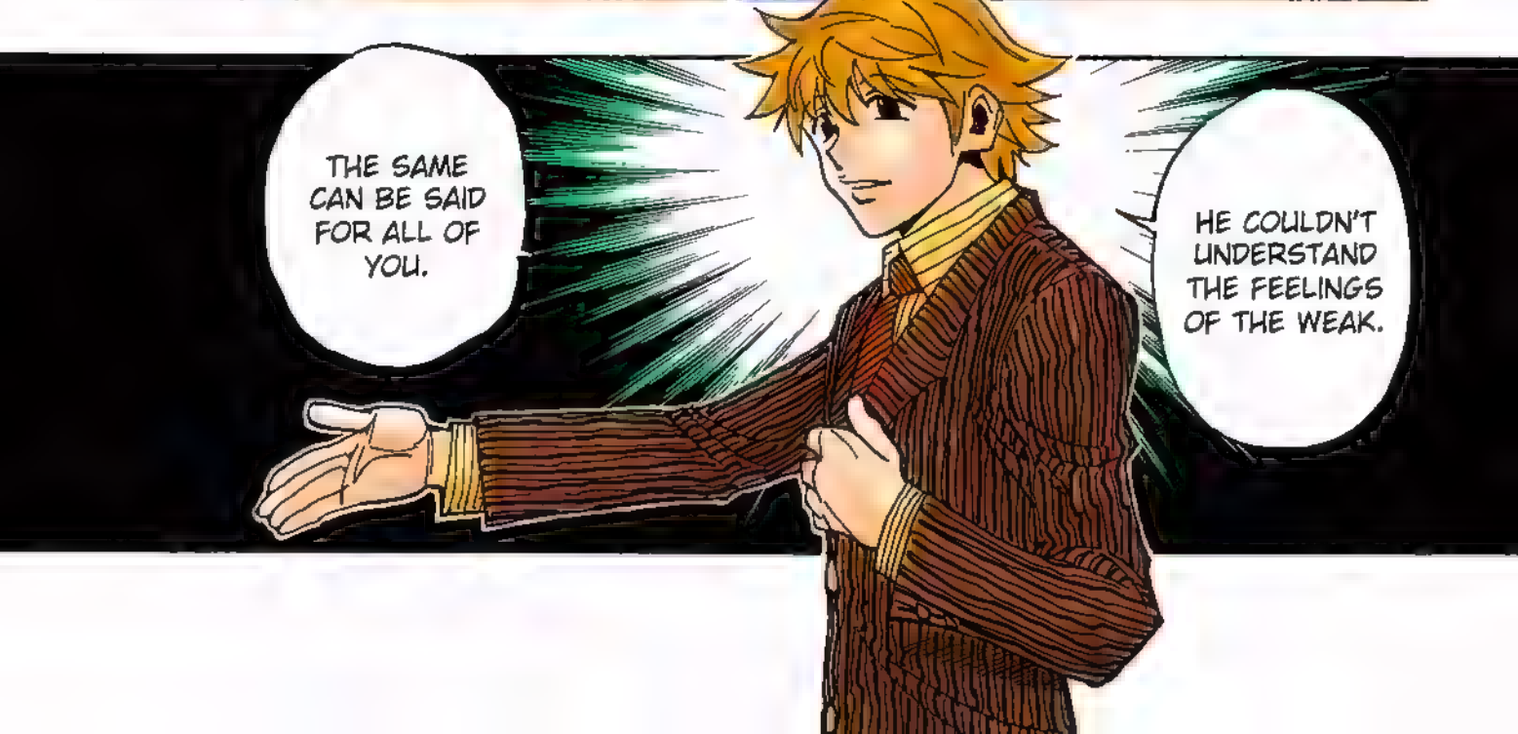

...WOULD EVER VOTE FOR YOU.
NONE OF US HERE...




THAT'S 11 VOTES.


DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY HUNTERS THERE ARE IN THE ASSOCIATION?
TOGETHER, YOU CAN ONLY TOTAL 11 VOTES.


...WAS TOO POWERFUL.
THE LATE CHAIRMAN NETERO...


THE SAME CAN BE SAID FOR ALL OF YOU.
HE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS OF THE WEAK.

WHEREAS I EMPATHIZE WITH THEIR PLIGHTS!!

THAT IS THE KIND OF CHAIRMAN I PROMISE TO BECOME!!

PRINCE OF KICKBACKS ...?

HOW MUCH HAVE YOU MADE OFF THEM...?

THE WEAKER HUNTERS ARE SLAVES TO YOUR TEMP AGENCY.

IT WAS A REVERSE FUND TO STRENGTHEN THE ASSOCIATION!!

THAT WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING. THE MONEY WAS JUST RESTING ON MY ACCOUNT.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT NUMBER MEANS?

18 PEOPLE.

THAT IT'S THE NUMBER OF HUNTERS WHO'VE GONE MISSING

IN THE THREE YEARS SINCE YOU'VE BECOME VICE CHAIRMAN...

IT'S INCREASED TENFOLD.

INCLUDING GING, WHO GOES MISSING EVERY 2 YEARS.

BEFORE YOU BECAME VICE CHAIRMAN, THE AVERAGE WAS 0.6 HUNTERS MISSING PER YEAR.

A MISSING HUNTER IS MORE BIZARRE THAN A HUNTER'S UNEXPECTED DEATH!!

AS PRO'S WHO RISK OUR LIVES, WE'RE OBLIGATED TO BE AWARE OF THE SITUATIONS OUR TRUSTED ASSOCIATES ARE IN.

AN UNFORTUNATE NUMBER. IT PAINS ME GREATLY.

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DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY?

...THAT NUMBER WILL SURELY GO DOWN.

BUT ONCE I BECOME CHAIRMAN...

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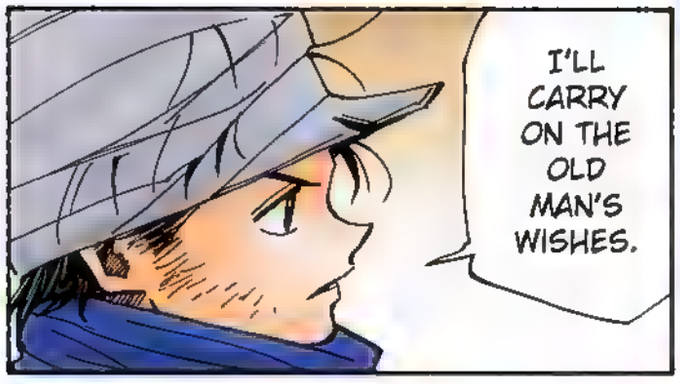


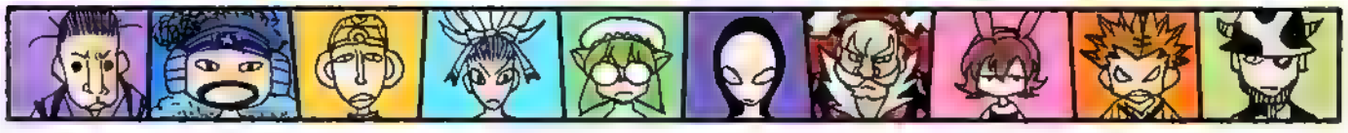

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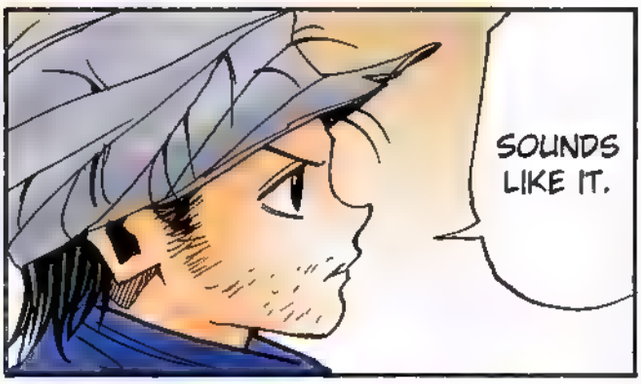
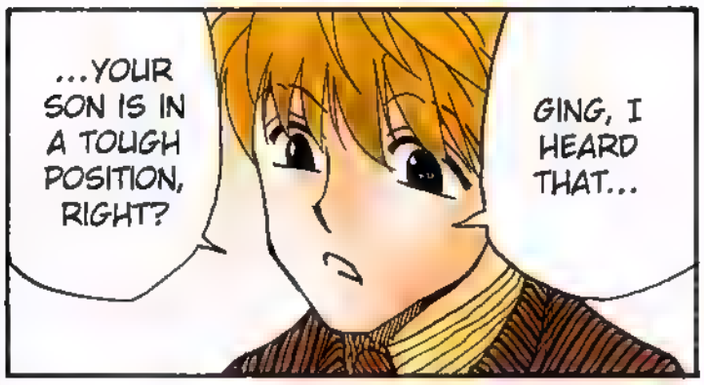
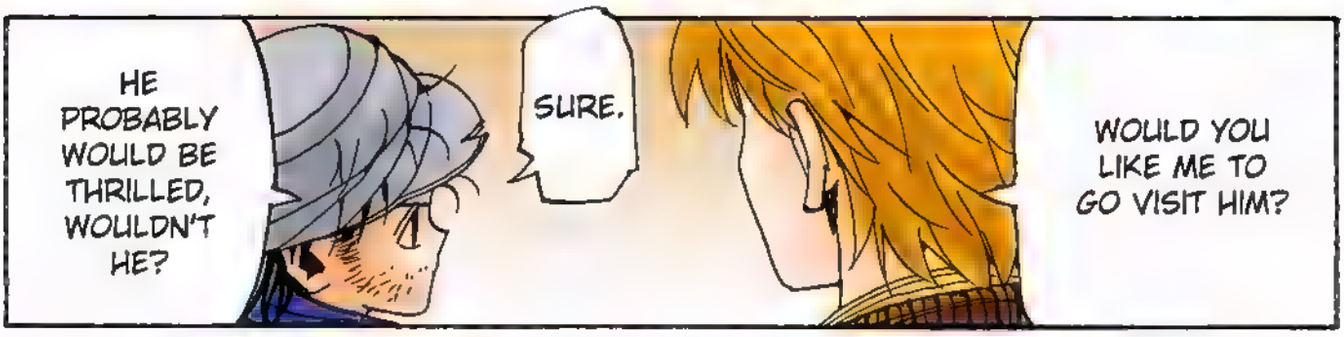
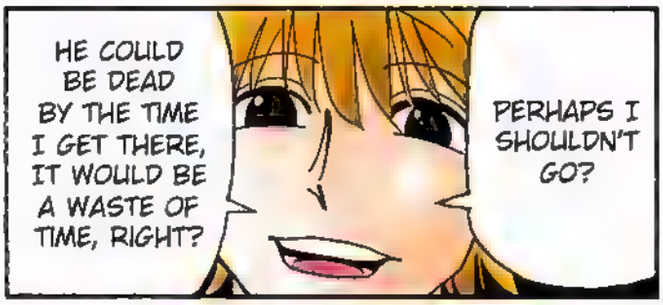
TO VOTE FOR EITHER OF THEM...!!

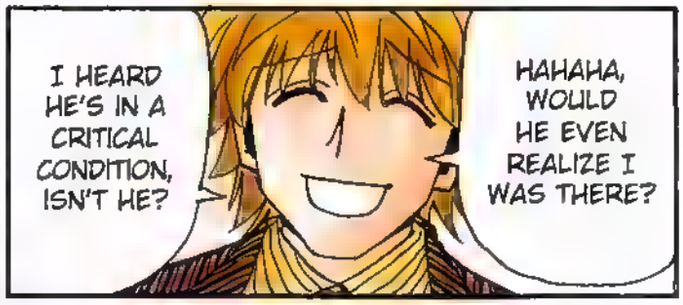
I DON'T WANT...

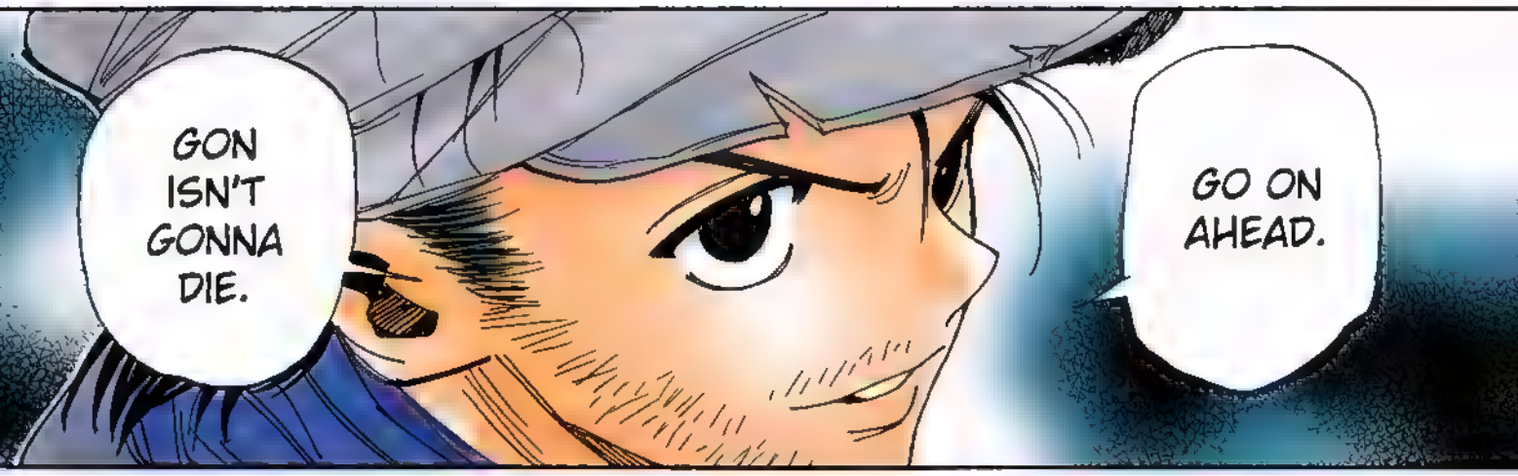

SOUNDS LIKE IT.

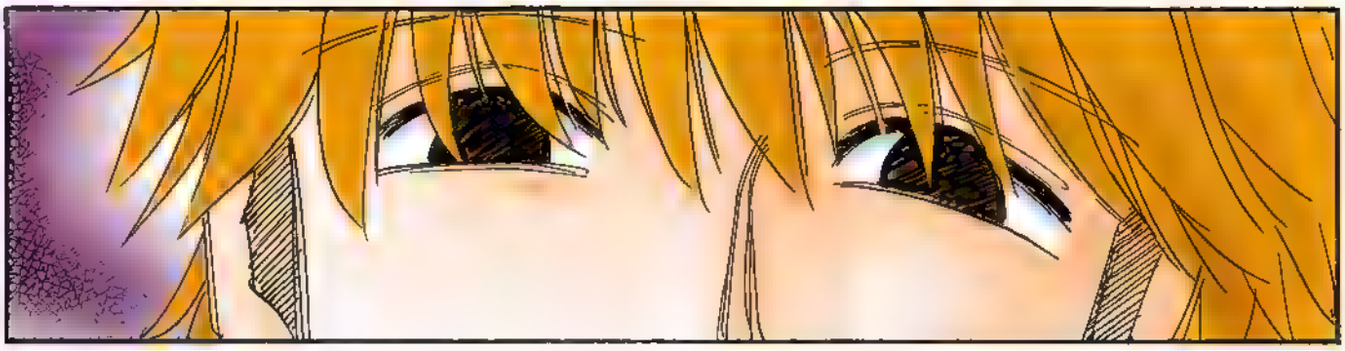

...YOUR SON IS IN A TOUGH POSITION, RIGHT?
GING, I HEARD THAT...

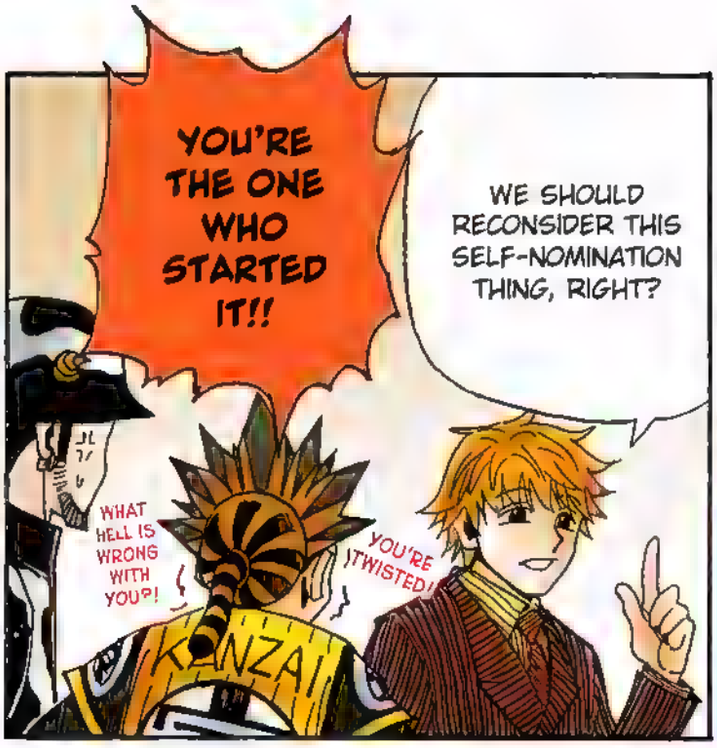

HE PROBABLY WOULD BE THRILLED, WOULDN'T HE?
SURE.
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO GO VISIT HIM?

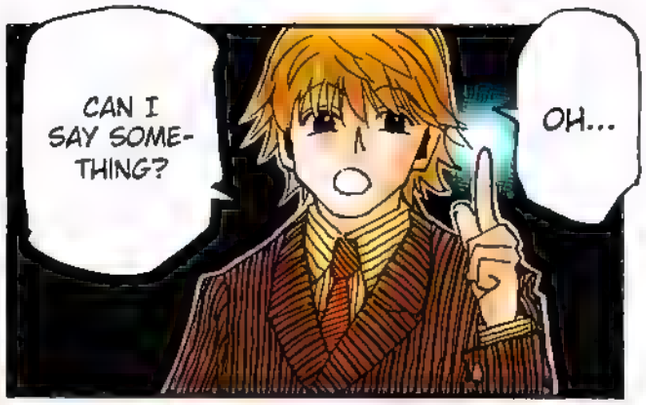

HE COULD BE DEAD BY THE TIME I GET THERE, IT WOULD BE A WASTE OF TIME, RIGHT?
PERHAPS I SHOULDN'T GO?

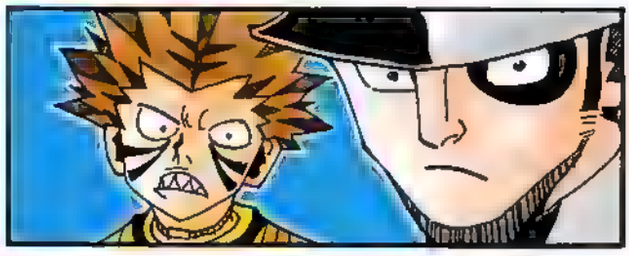

I HEARD HE'S IN A CRITICAL CONDITION, ISN'T HE?
HAHAHA, WOULD HE EVEN REALIZE I WAS THERE?

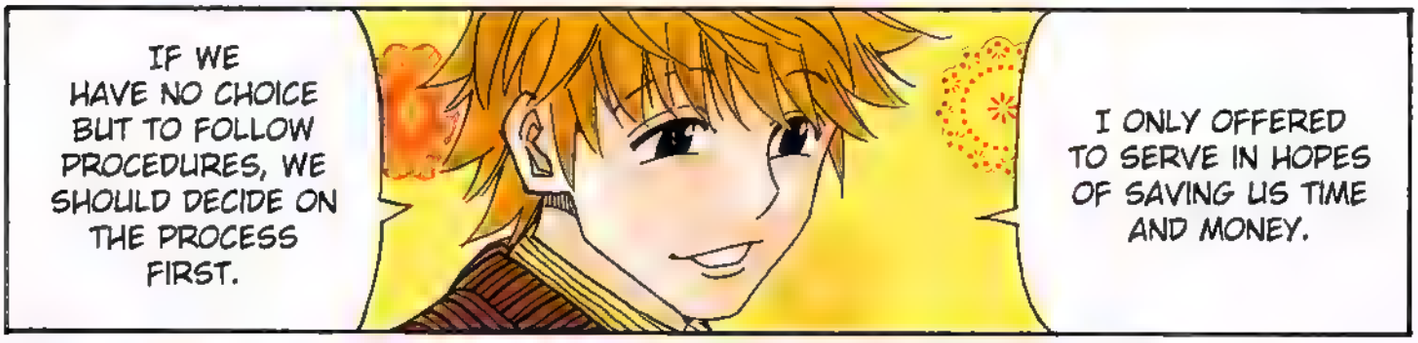

GON ISN'T GONNA DIE.
GO ON AHEAD.

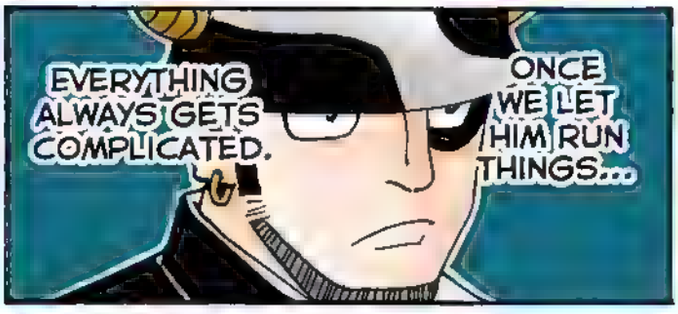


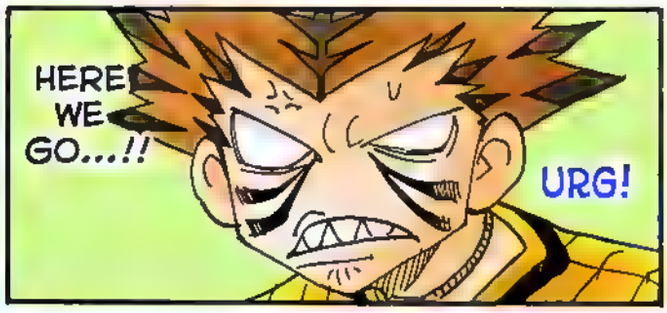

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO STARTED IT!!
WE SHOULD RECONSIDER THIS SELF-NOMINATION THING, RIGHT?
WHAT HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?!
YOU'RE TWISTED!
KANZAI

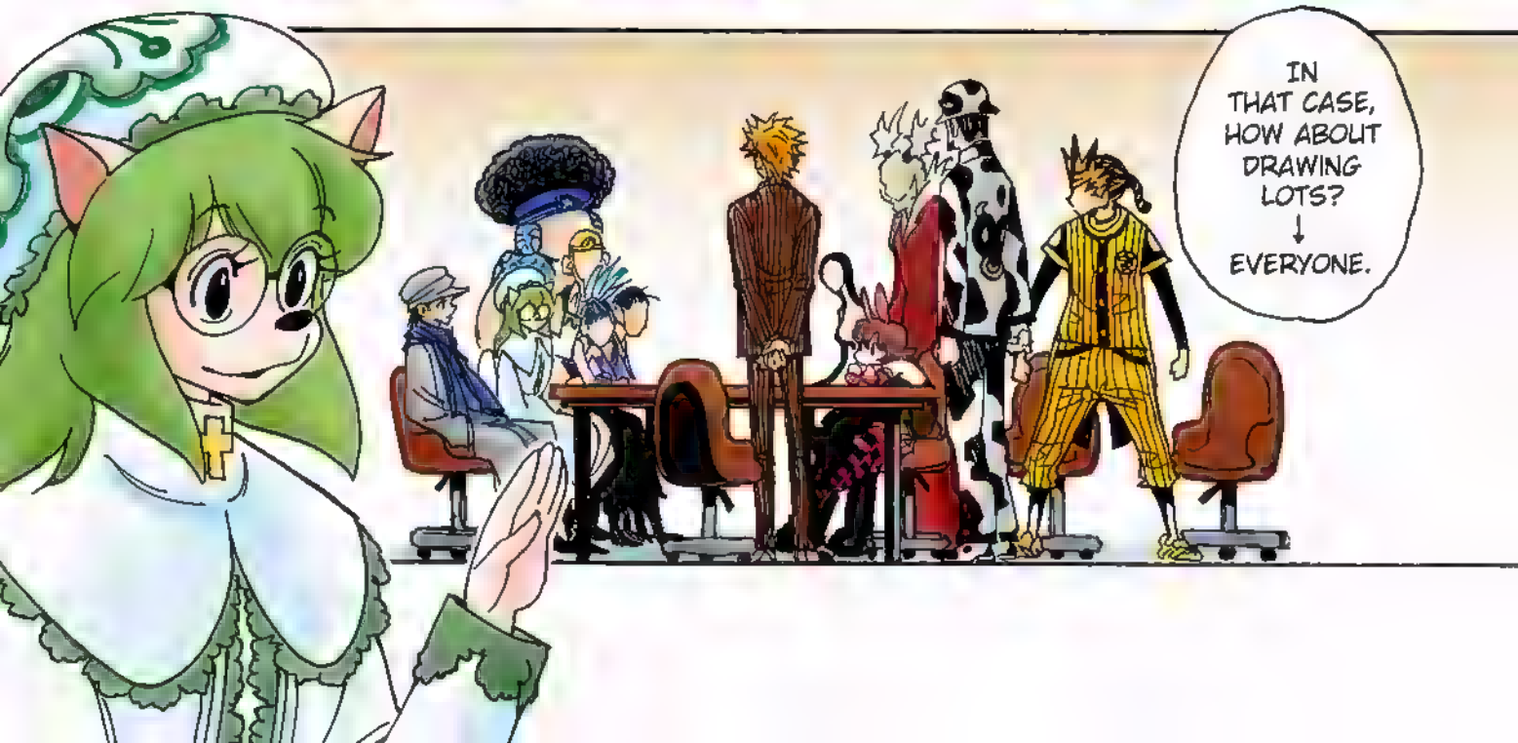

CAN I SAY SOME-THING?
OH...




IF WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FOLLOW PROCEDURES, WE SHOULD DECIDE ON THE PROCESS FIRST.
I ONLY OFFERED TO SERVE IN HOPES OF SAVING US TIME AND MONEY.


EVERYTHING ALWAYS GETS COMPLICATED.
ONCE WE LET HIM RUN THINGS...


HERE WE GO...!!
URG!


IN THAT CASE, HOW ABOUT DRAWING LOTS? ↓ EVERYONE.

THEN WE HAVE A THIRD PARTY PICK ONE OF THE PROPOSALS AT RANDOM.
↓
EXCEPT YOU, MONKEY.

I WANT EACH OF YOU TO WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE TO BE THE OPTIMAL ELECTION PROCESS, WITH THE PREREQUISITE OF ACHIEVING "EVERYONE'S VOTES" AND AT LEAST REACH A "95% QUORUM".
↓
EXCEPT YOU, MONKEY.

STOP IGNORING ME!

HEY!

HUH?!

I'LL GIVE 12 SHEETS OF PAPER TO EACH OF YOU.
↓
EXCEPT YOU, MONKEY.

HMPH.

SCREW THAT! DECIDING OUR LEADER BY A RAFFLE? ARE YOU A SCUMBAG, TOO?!

NO HARD FEELINGS?

EACH PROPOSAL HAS A 1/12 CHANCE.

I'M GUESSING SHE MEANS BEANS.

A THIRD PARTY...

HOW ABOUT IF WE MAKE IT ANONYMOUS AND NOMINATE MULTIPLE CANDIDATES?

NON-ANONYMOUS VOTING WILL DEFINITELY FAVOR PARISTON.

PEOPLE INDEBTED TO HIM WILL BE ABLE TO BETRAY HIM WITH A LITTLE FEAR OF REPRISAL, WOULDN'T THEY?

SHE SAID THE ODDS ARE 1/12, BUT THAT ISN'T TRUE. IF THE 10 OF US WRITE SOMETHING THAT PUTS PARISTON (AND GIGN IF POSSIBLE) AT A DISADVANTAGE, OUR ODDS WILL BE 5/6!!

SO...

NOT BAD.

SEEMS FAIR!!

HMPH

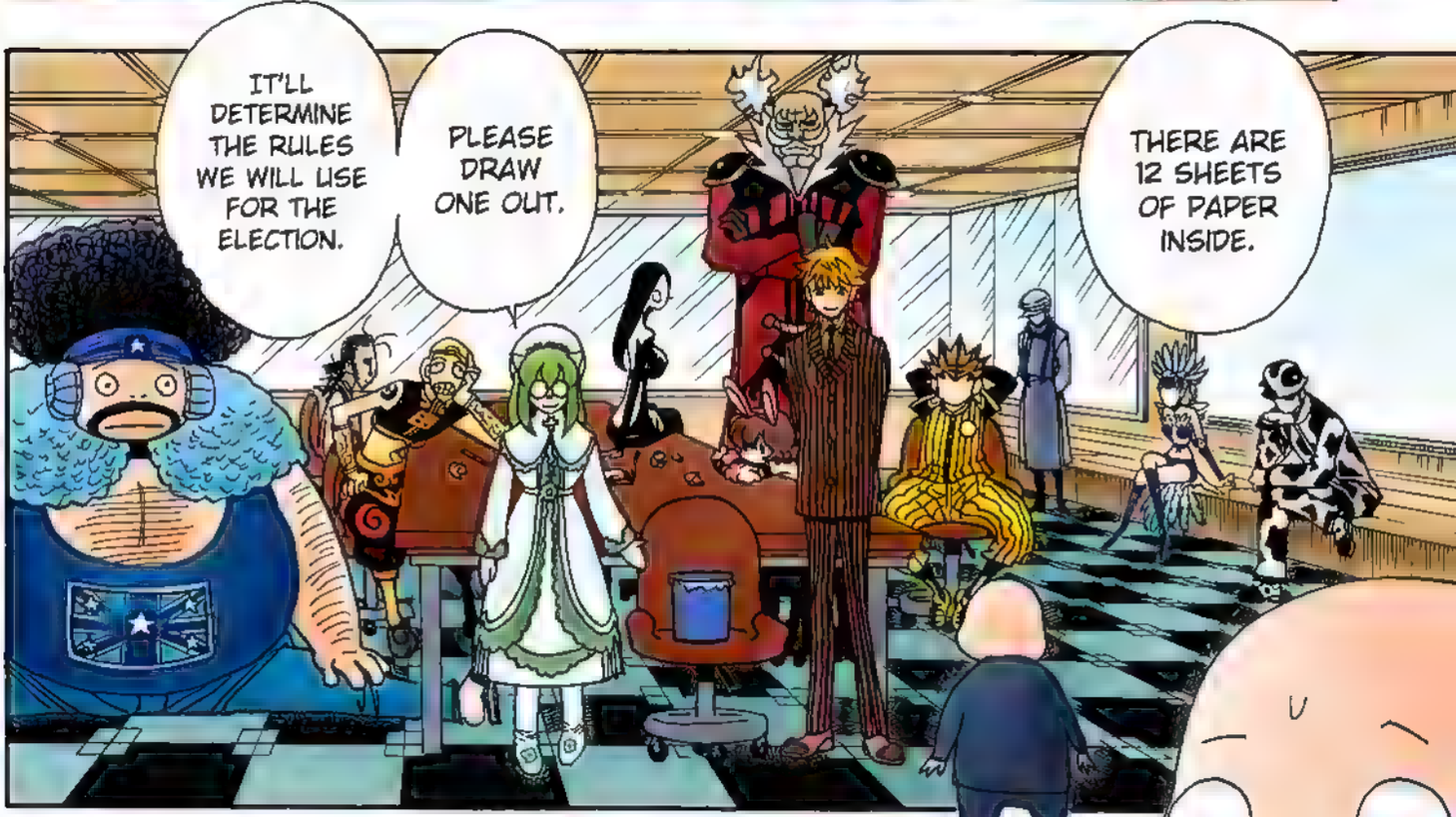
BUT WE SHOULD WRITE DOWN OUR NAMES, SO WE KNOW WHOSE IDEA IS CHOSEN.

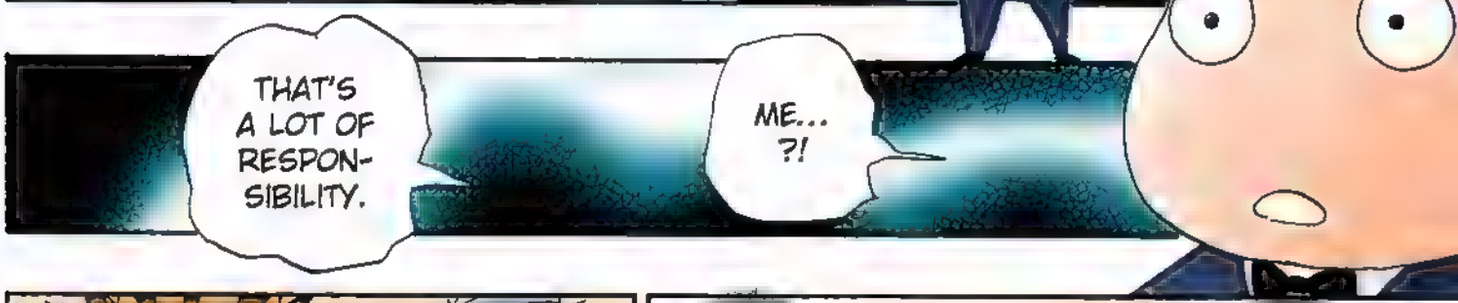
SINCE I WON'T LOSE.

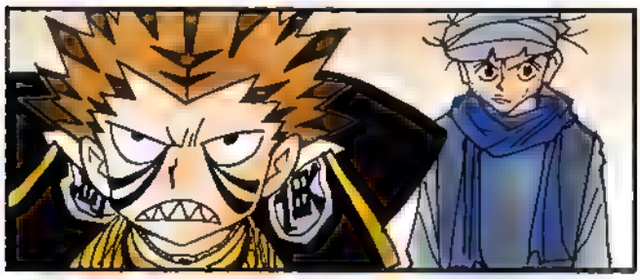
THAT'S FINE.

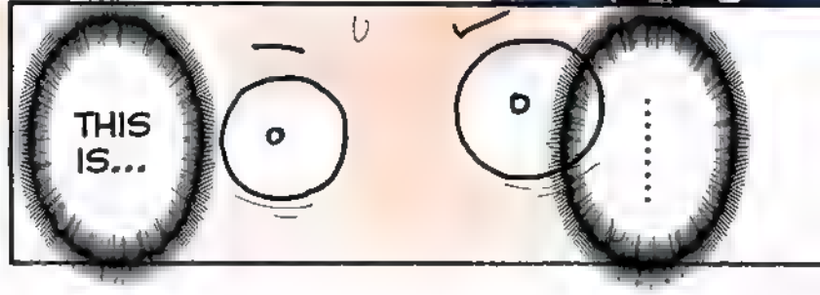
HUH...? HOW DO YOU SPELL ELECTION ...?

MR. BEANS.
SO, THERE WE HAVE IT...


IT'LL DETERMINE THE RULES WE WILL USE FOR THE ELECTION.
PLEASE DRAW ONE OUT.
THERE ARE 12 SHEETS OF PAPER INSIDE.


THAT'S A LOT OF RESPON-SIBILITY.
ME...?!




THIS IS...
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HERE I GO.
OKAY.
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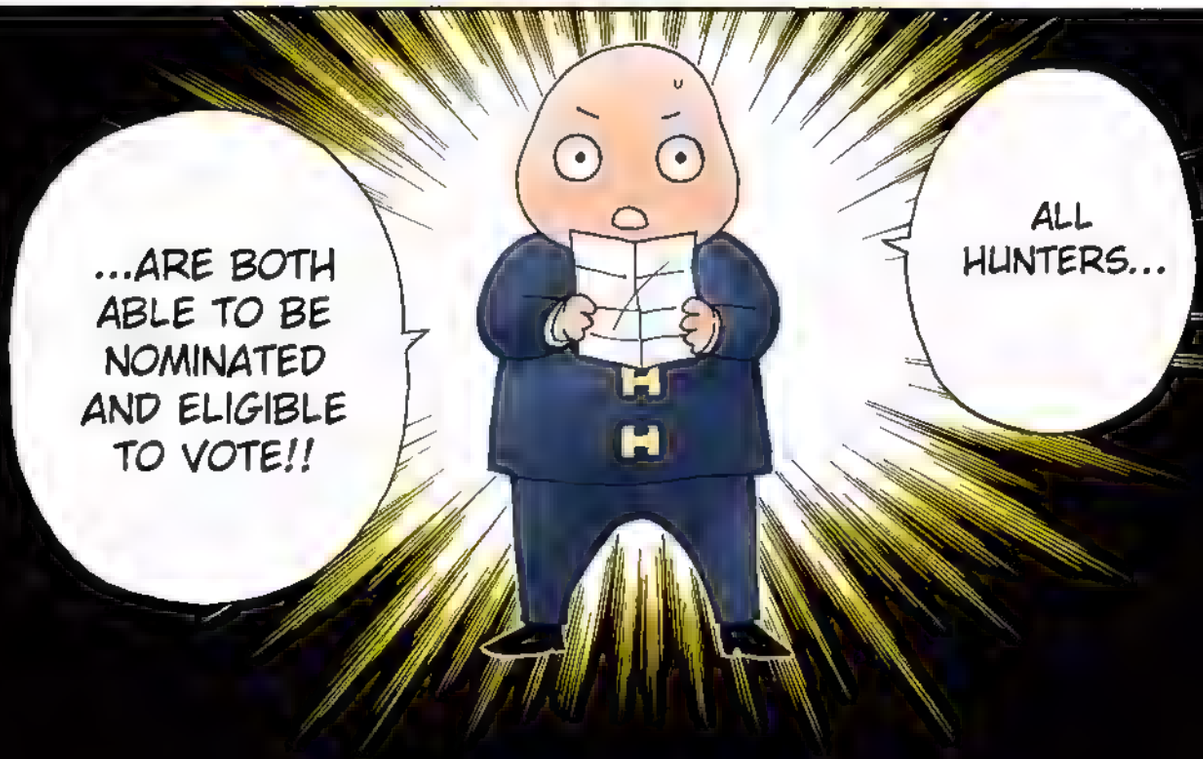
…MR. GING'S !!
…TO BE A TOP HUNTER !!!
THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS…
THE CHOSEN PROPOSAL IS…
RULE NO.1… ①


…ARE BOTH ABLE TO BE NOMINATED AND ELIGIBLE TO VOTE!!
ALL HUNTERS…

HE'S NO PARISTON, BUT HE'S STILL TROUBLE!!

UGH...!! GING'S RULES.

...THERE WILL BE A REVOTE WITH THE TOP 16 NOMINEES, CULLING THE POOL BY HALF WITH EACH REVOTE.

IF THE WINNING HUNTER CANDIDATE OF THE FIRST VOTE DOESN'T GET A MAJORITY FOR THIS ELECTION...

RULE NO.2... ②

RULE NO.4... ④

IF VOTER TURNOUT IS LESS THAN 95%, ONLY THAT VOTE IS REPEATED.

RULE NO.3... ③

ANY ANONYMOUS VOTES WILL BE INVALID!!

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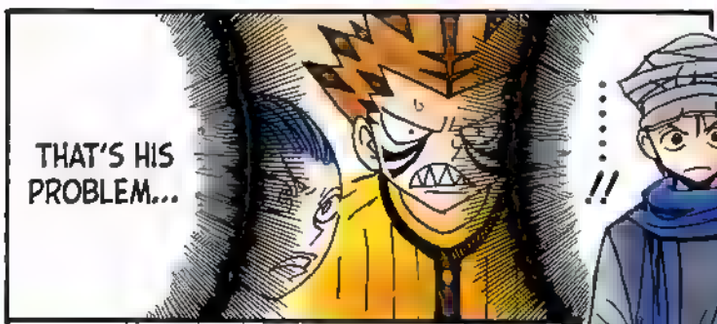
VOTERS MUST WRITE THEIR NAMES ON THE BALLOT!!

No.320 ◆ VOTING

TO SEE WHO VOTED FOR WHOM.
IT'S GONNA BE MORE FUN THIS WAY.

WHY FORCE PEOPLE TO SIGN THEM?! ARE YOU AN IDIOT?! A COMPLETE IDIOT?!
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ?!
ARE YOU THE IDIOTS?


THAT'S HIS PROBLEM...
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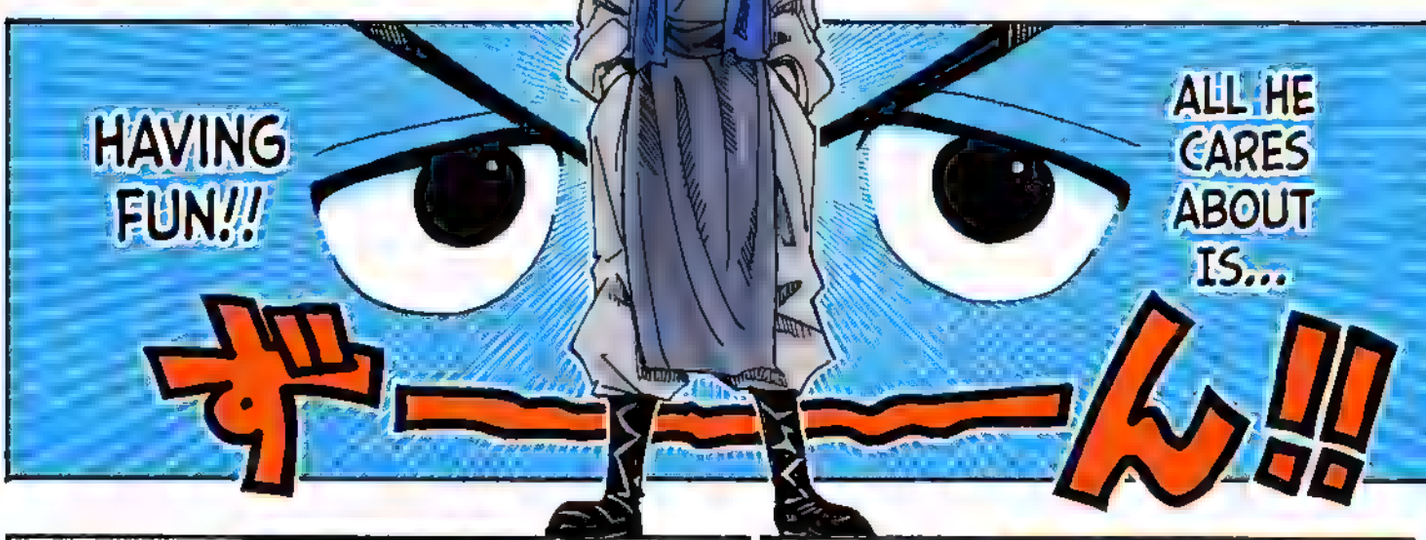
HAVING FUN!!
ALL HE CARES ABOUT IS...
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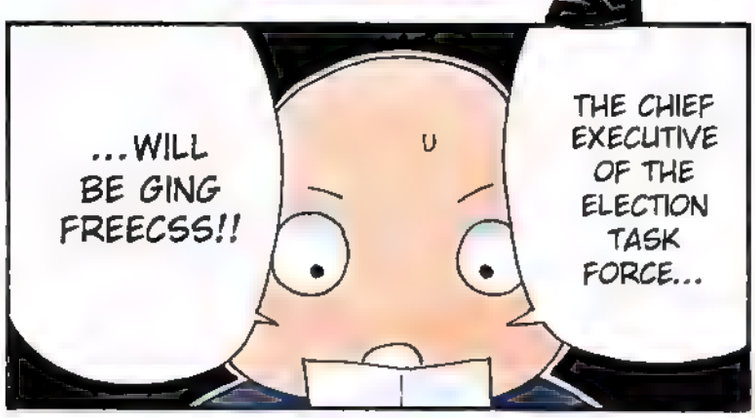
...WILL BE GING FREECSS!!
THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE ELECTION TASK FORCE...

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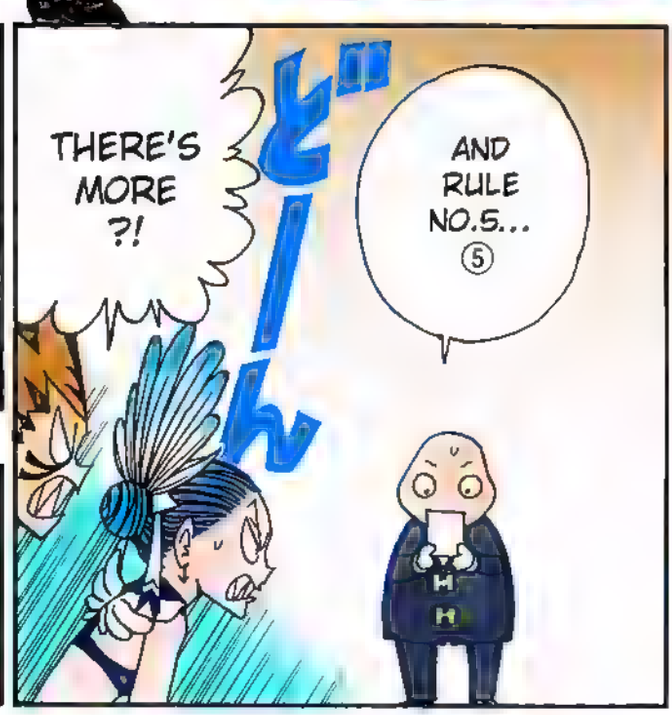
THERE'S MORE ?!
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AND RULE NO.5... ⑤

I WAS TOO FOCUSED ON THE ACTUAL RULES...!!
WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT... ↓ ME.
OF COURSE, THAT MOVE!!
THIS DRAWING WAS TO DETERMINE THE VOTING PROCESS, RIGHT?
CAN I SAY SOME-THING?
NOW HE CAN MANIPULATE THE ELECTION ALL HE WANTS!!
THAT'S HIS TRUE OBJEC-TIVE!!
.....
BUT SHOULDN'T WE DECIDE ON A NEW CHAIRMAN AFTER?
ALL THE RULES UP TO NO.4 ARE FINE... ④
YOU'RE OKAY WITH THAT?!
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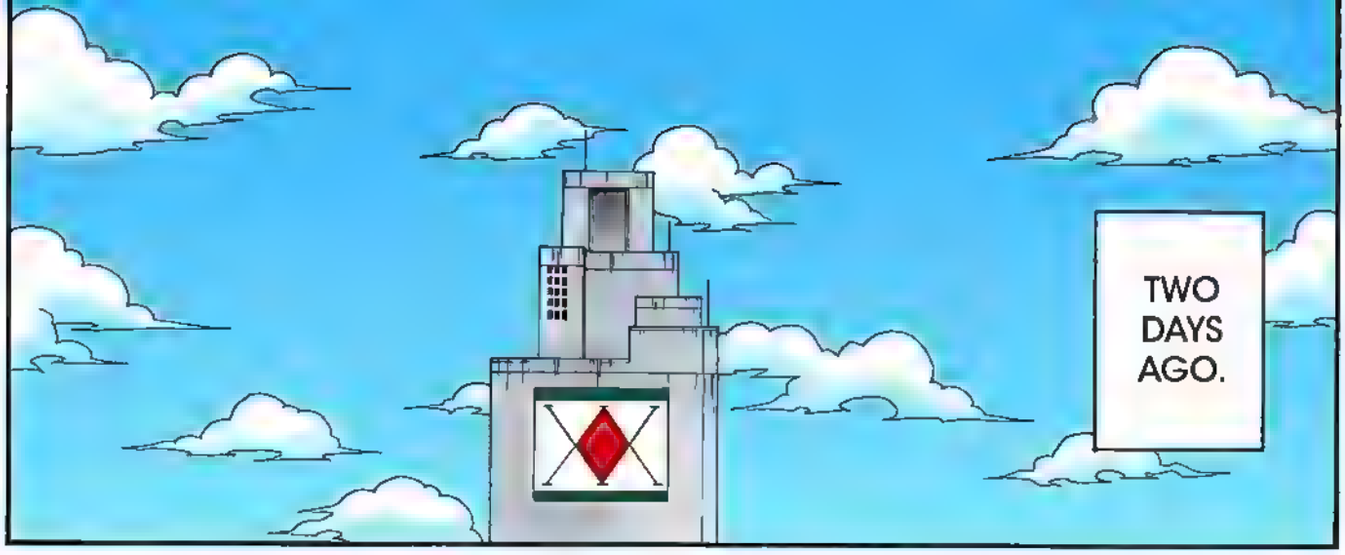
THEN IT'LL JUST BE RULES NO.1 TO NO.4... ④
HOW SCARY...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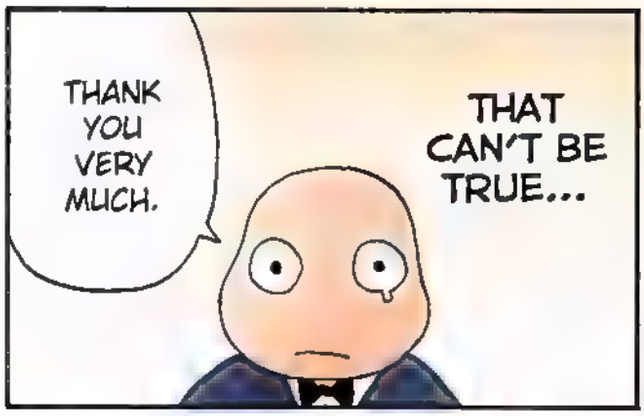
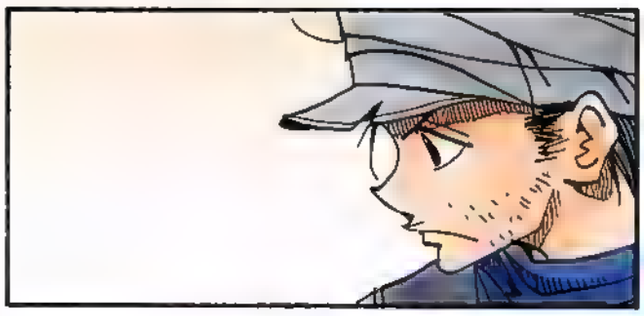
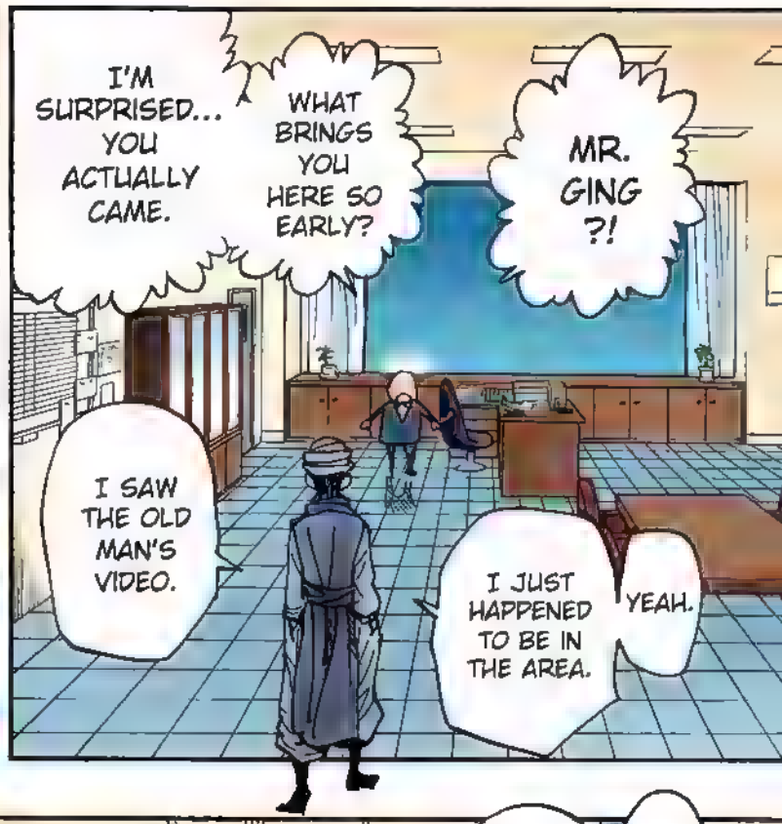
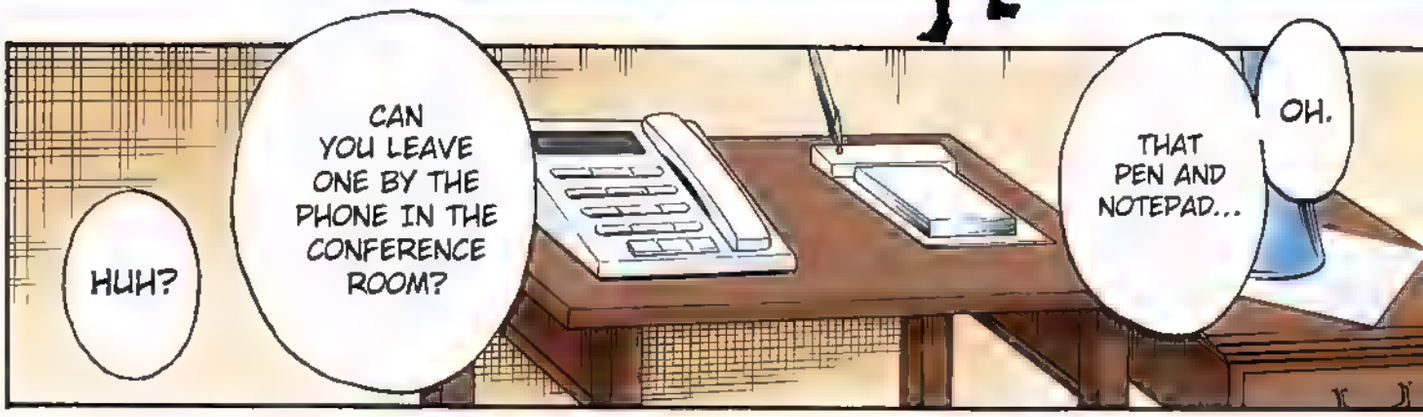
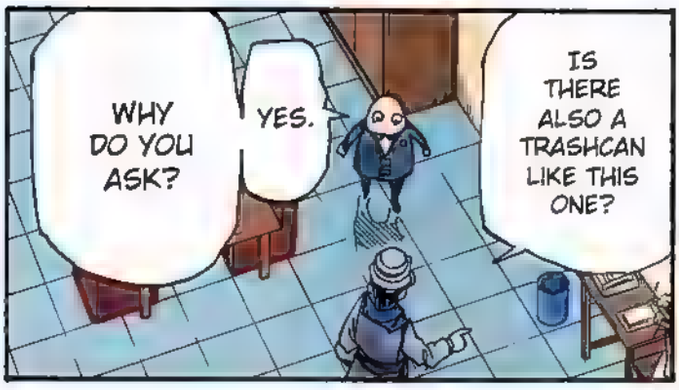
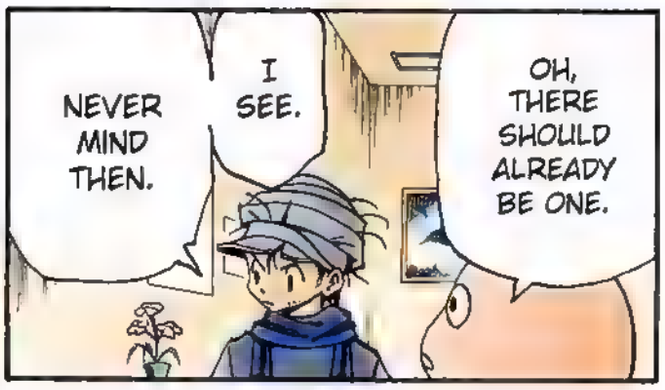

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE...



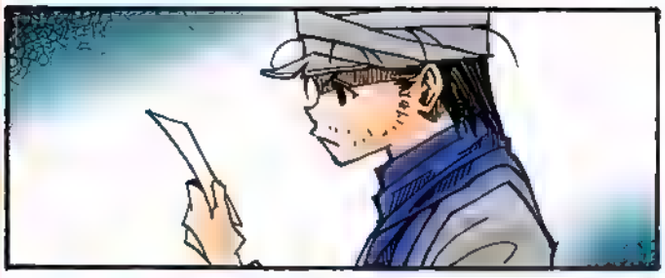

I'M SURPRISED... YOU ACTUALLY CAME.
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE SO EARLY?
MR. GING ?!
I SAW THE OLD MAN'S VIDEO.
I JUST HAPPENED TO BE IN THE AREA.
YEAH.


HUH?
CAN YOU LEAVE ONE BY THE PHONE IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM?
THAT PEN AND NOTEPAD...
OH.


WHY DO YOU ASK?
YES.
IS THERE ALSO A TRASHCAN LIKE THIS ONE?


NEVER MIND THEN.
I SEE.
OH, THERE SHOULD ALREADY BE ONE.

FOUR...
NO, EIGHT.



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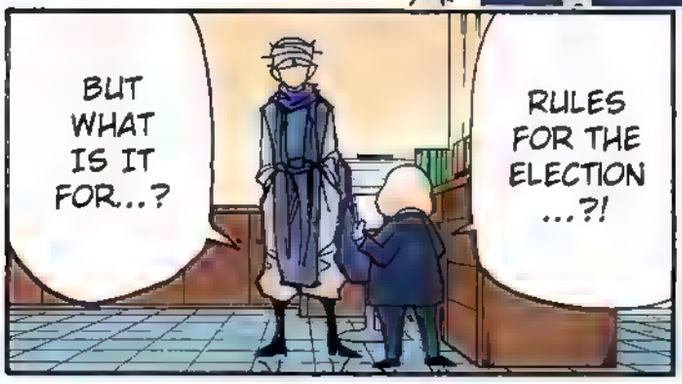
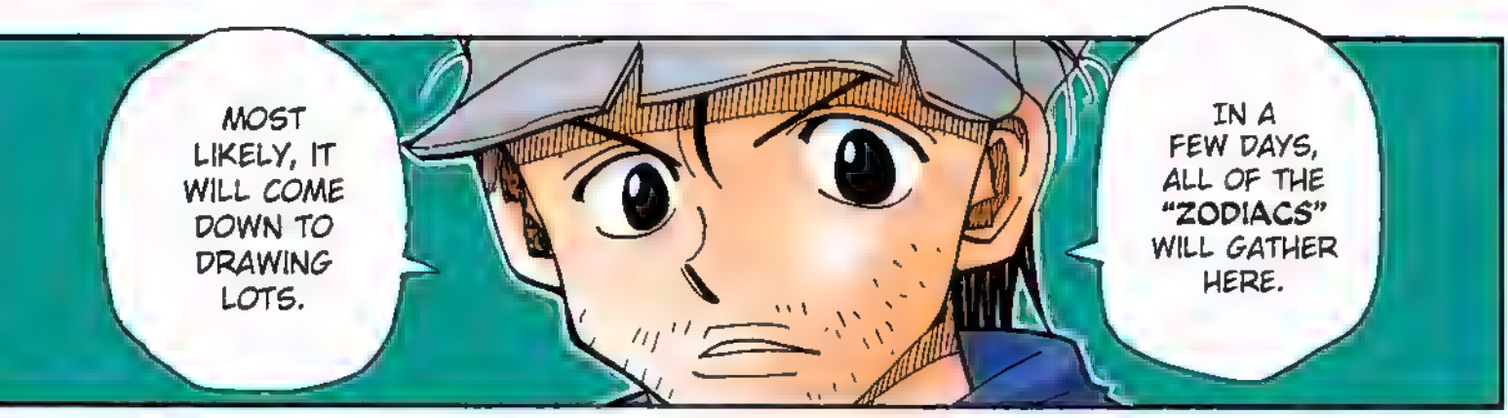
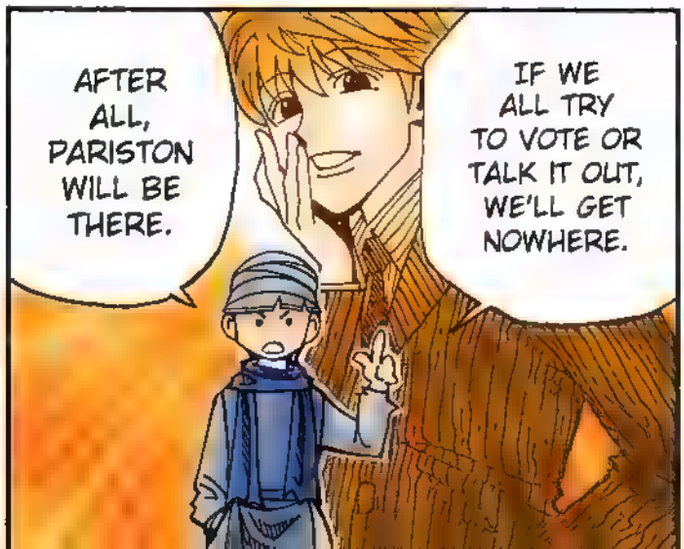
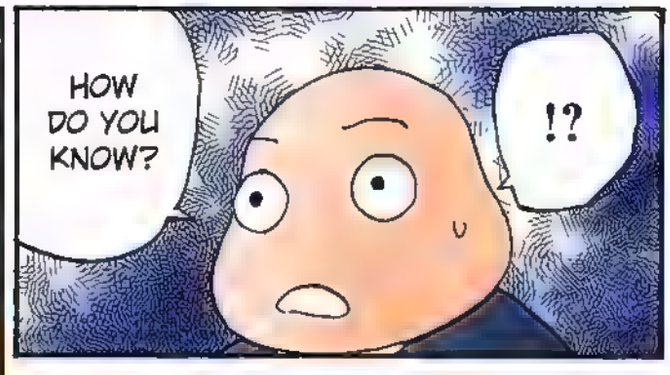

BUT WHAT IS IT FOR...?
RULES FOR THE ELECTION ...?!

READ THIS.


MOST LIKELY, IT WILL COME DOWN TO DRAWING LOTS.
IN A FEW DAYS, ALL OF THE "ZODIACS" WILL GATHER HERE.


AFTER ALL, PARISTON WILL BE THERE.
IF WE ALL TRY TO VOTE OR TALK IT OUT, WE'LL GET NOWHERE.


HOW DO YOU KNOW?
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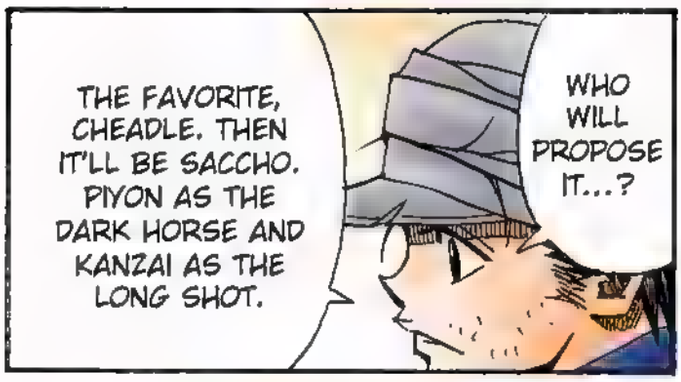
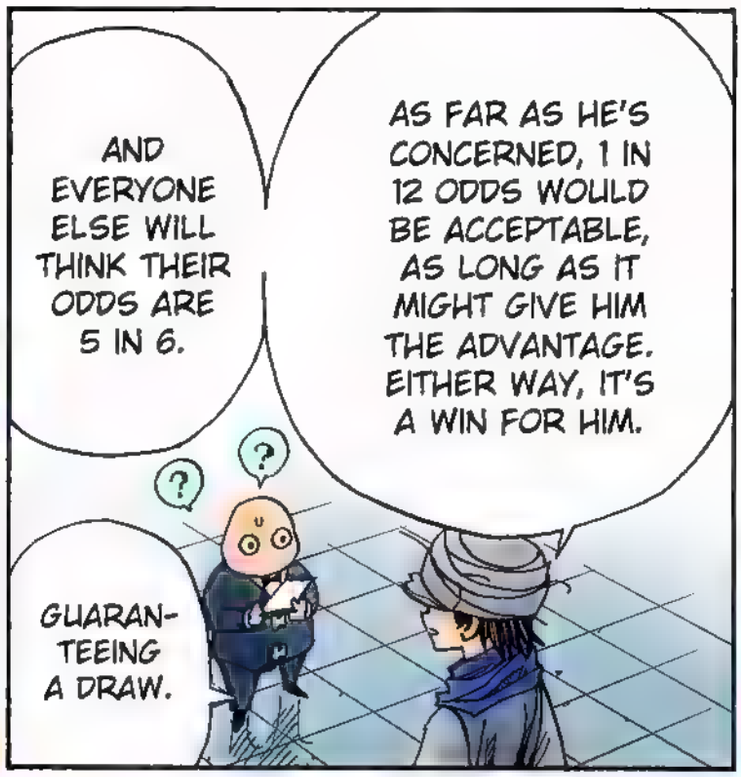
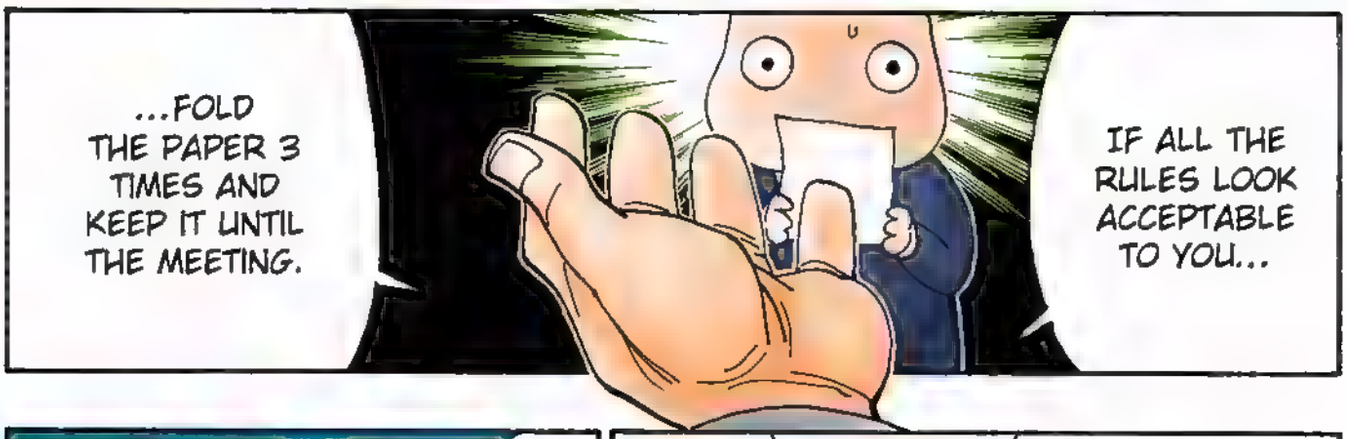
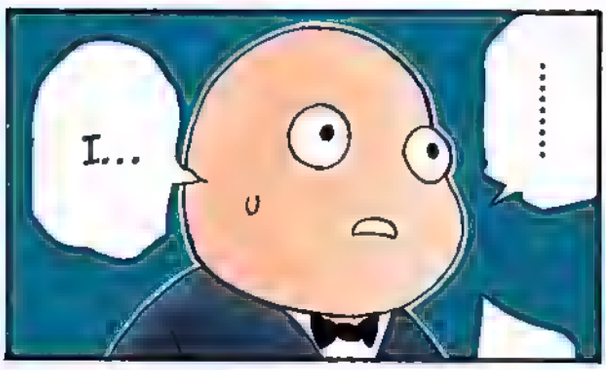

THE FAVORITE, CHEADLE. THEN IT'LL BE SACCHO. PIYON AS THE DARK HORSE AND KANZAI AS THE LONG SHOT.
WHO WILL PROPOSE IT...?


AND EVERYONE ELSE WILL THINK THEIR ODDS ARE 5 IN 6.
AS FAR AS HE'S CONCERNED, 1 IN 12 ODDS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE, AS LONG AS IT MIGHT GIVE HIM THE ADVANTAGE. EITHER WAY, IT'S A WIN FOR HIM.
GUARAN-TEEING A DRAW.

THERE'S NO ONE ELSE, RIGHT?
EVERYONE IN THIS BUILDING SUPPORTS PARISTON
AND THEY'LL ASK ME TO DRAW...?


...FOLD THE PAPER 3 TIMES AND KEEP IT UNTIL THE MEETING.
IF ALL THE RULES LOOK ACCEPTABLE TO YOU...


I...
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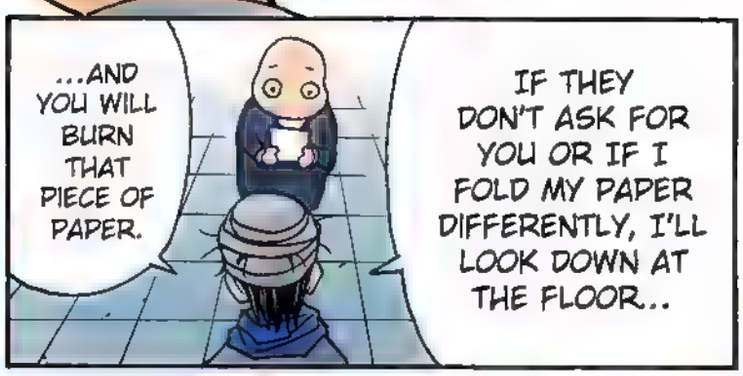
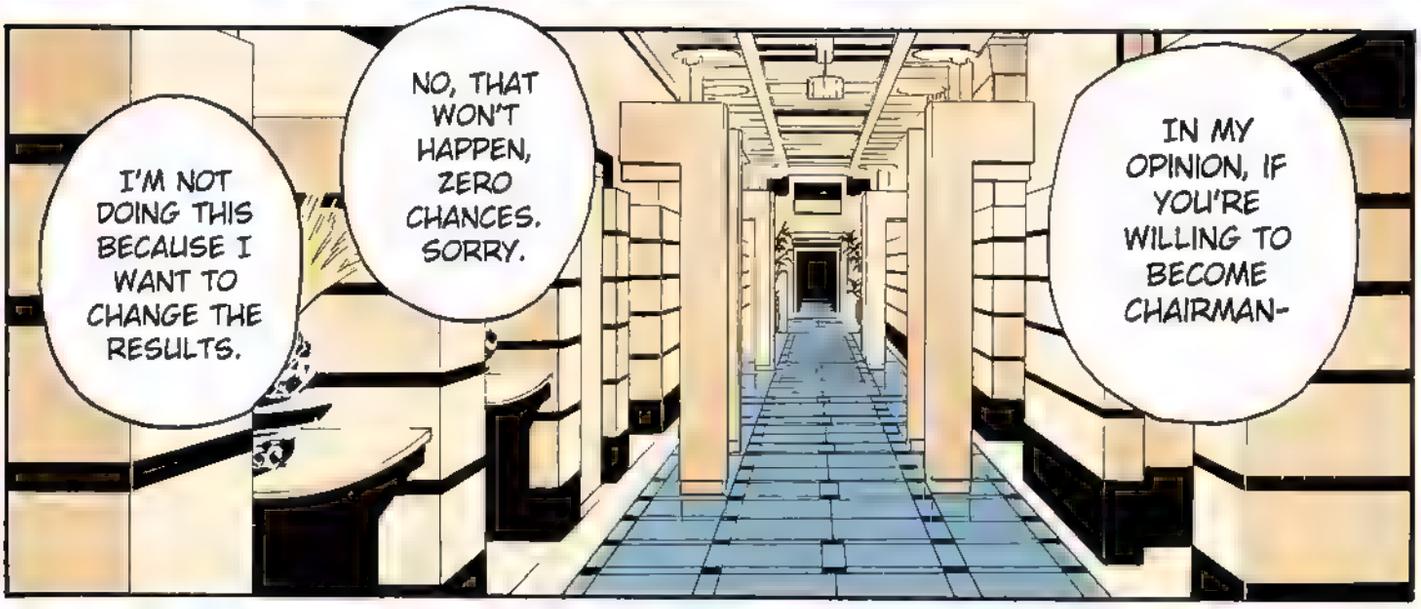
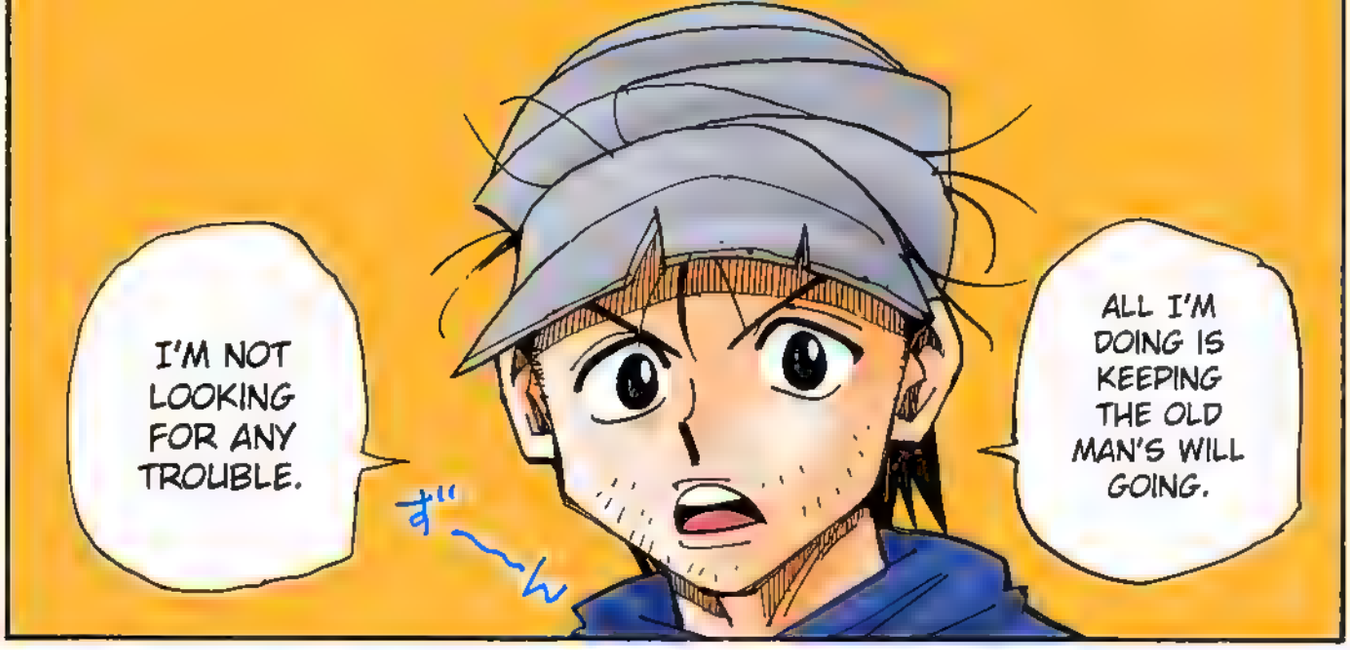

...AND YOU WILL BURN THAT PIECE OF PAPER.
IF THEY DON'T ASK FOR YOU OR IF I FOLD MY PAPER DIFFERENTLY, I'LL LOOK DOWN AT THE FLOOR...


I'M NOT DOING THIS BECAUSE I WANT TO CHANGE THE RESULTS.
NO, THAT WON'T HAPPEN, ZERO CHANCES. SORRY.
IN MY OPINION, IF YOU'RE WILLING TO BECOME CHAIRMAN-


I'M NOT LOOKING FOR ANY TROUBLE.
ALL I'M DOING IS KEEPING THE OLD MAN'S WILL GOING.

AND IF I AGREE TO CONCEDE RULE NO.5... ⑤
IF I LEAVE THAT AS RULE 5, IT WILL GIVE THEM A REASON TO "STOP." ⑤
...THEY'LL BE READY TO ACCEPT RULES 1-4. ④

THAT'S JUST A DECOY.
BUT WHAT ABOUT RULE NO.5...?! ⑤

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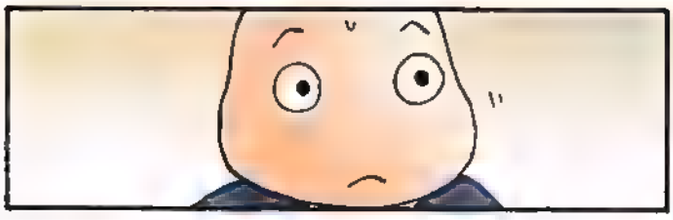
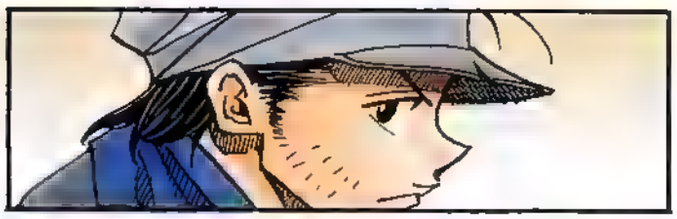
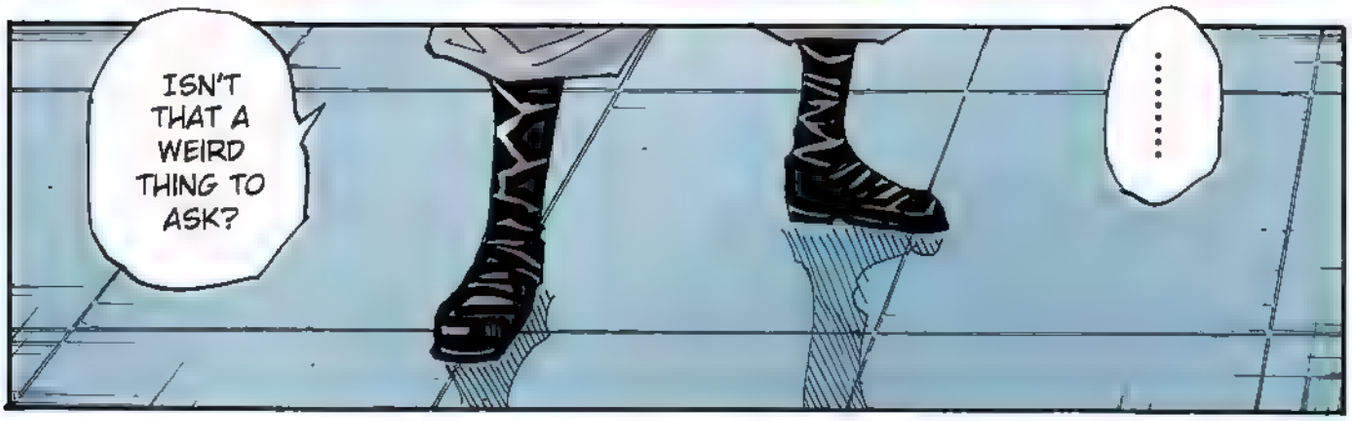
...IF YOU DON'T WANT TO CHANGE THE RESULTS ...?!
MR.GING, WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO THROUGH ALL THIS...
IF RULE 5 PASSES, I'LL STEP DOWN. ⑤
IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL.
THIS IS HOW THUGS AND FRAUDS CON PEOPLE.






ISN'T THAT A WEIRD THING TO ASK?
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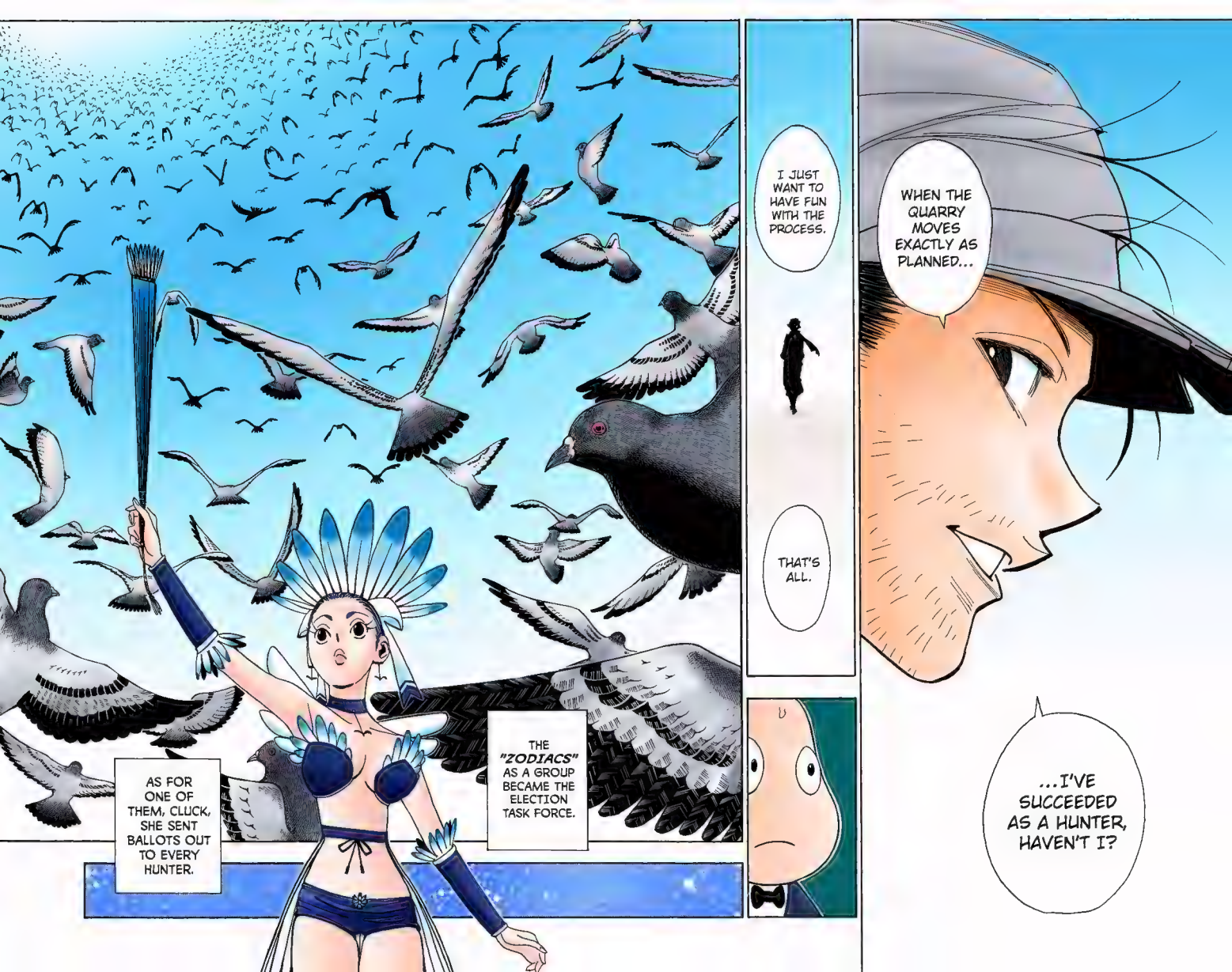

AS FOR ONE OF THEM, CLUCK, SHE SENT BALLOTS OUT TO EVERY HUNTER.
THE "ZODIACS" AS A GROUP BECAME THE ELECTION TASK FORCE.
I JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN WITH THE PROCESS.
THAT'S ALL.
WHEN THE QUARRY MOVES EXACTLY AS PLANNED...
...I'VE SUCCEEDED AS A HUNTER, HAVEN'T I?

AUGUST 8TH, 12 AM.

◎ THE NUMBER OF HUNTERS: 661

◎ NUMBER OF NOMINEES: THE SAME

◎ BRING YOUR BALLOT WITH YOU AND DROP IT INTO THE BALLOT BOX WHILE *(AT LEAST 3)* OF THE ELECTION TASK FORCE MEMBERS ARE PRESENT AND IDENTIFICATION HAS BEEN VERIFIED

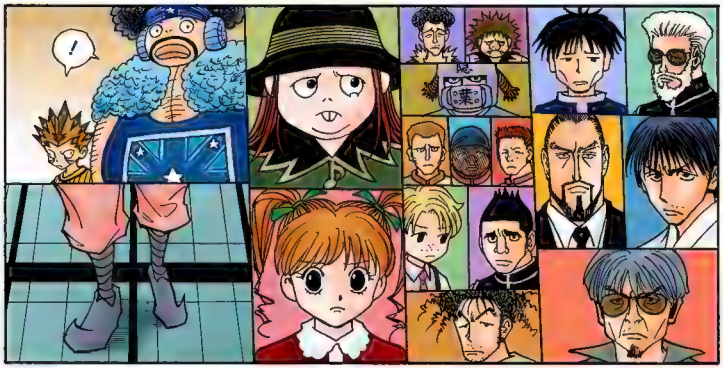
◎ THE VENUE: THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

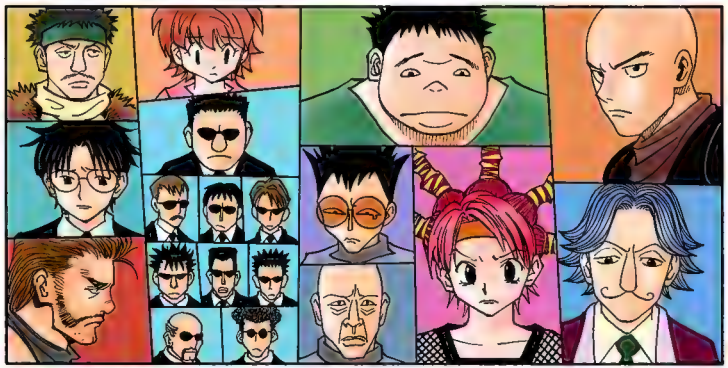
◎ OFF-SITE VOTING IS ALLOWED AS LONG AS *(AT LEAST 3)* THE ELECTION TASK FORCE MEMBERS ARE PRESENT

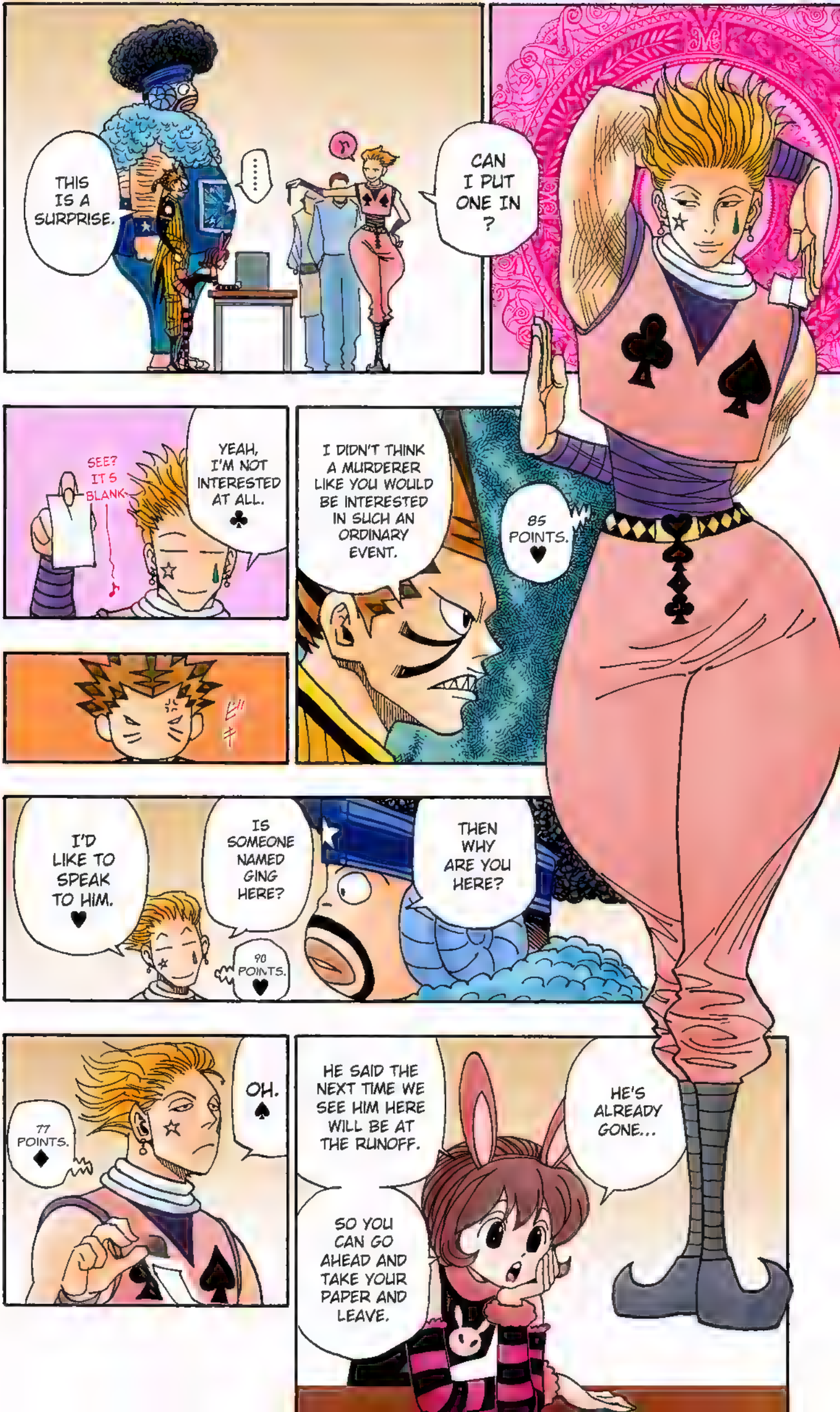
◎ ELECTION DAY: VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 8TH 12:00 AM TO 11:59:59 PM (SAME DAY). STRICT PUNCTUALITY IS EXPECTED. *(ANY VOTING THAT OCCURS OFF SITE WILL TAKE PLACE SIMULTANEOUSLY, REGARDLESS OF TIME ZONE)*

1. THE 13TH CHAIRMAN MAIN ELECTION.

THE VOTING BEGINS!!!






THIS IS A SURPRISE.
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CAN I PUT ONE IN ?
SEE? IT'S BLANK.
YEAH, I'M NOT INTERESTED AT ALL. ♣
I DIDN'T THINK A MURDERER LIKE YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SUCH AN ORDINARY EVENT.
85 POINTS. ♥
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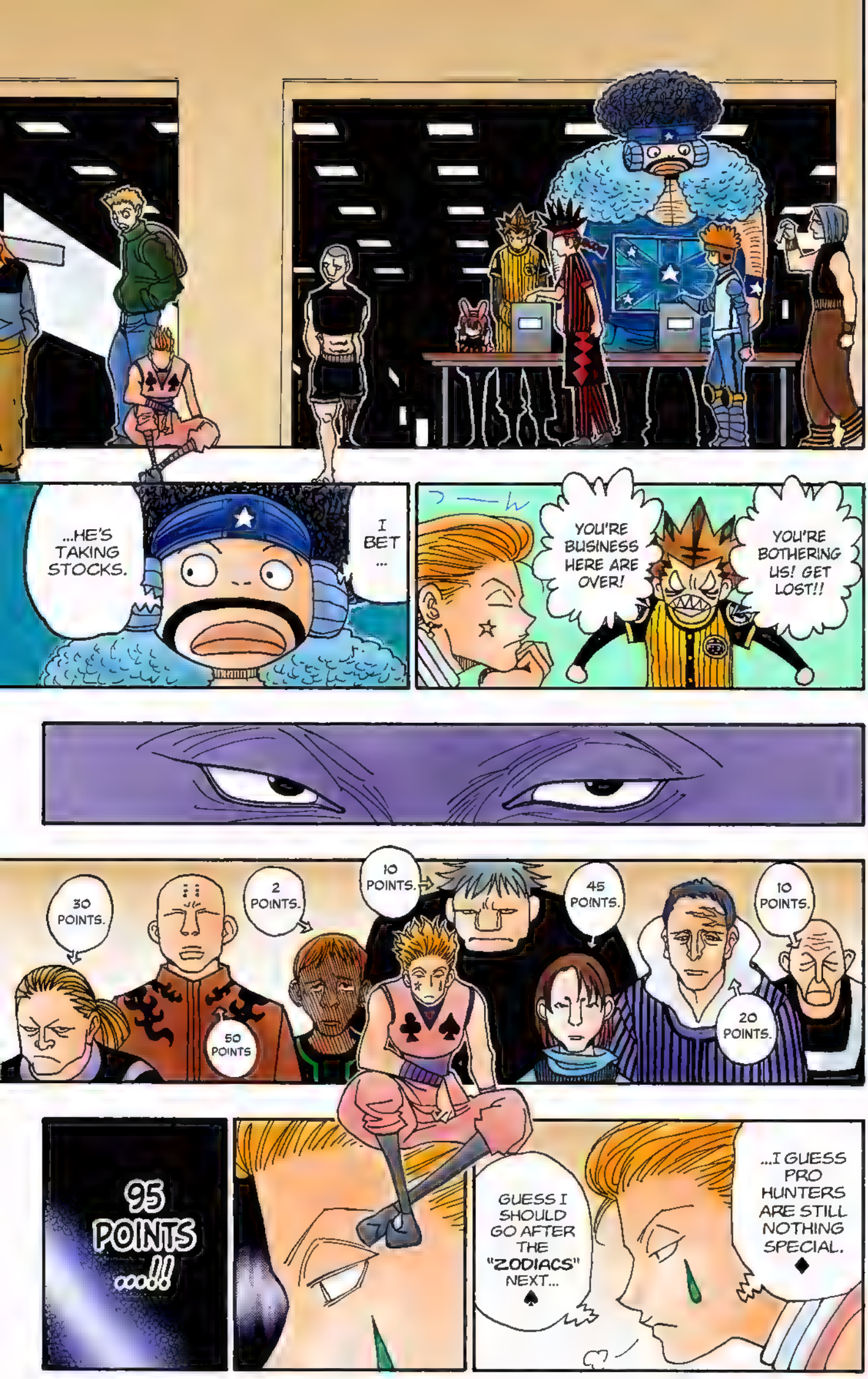
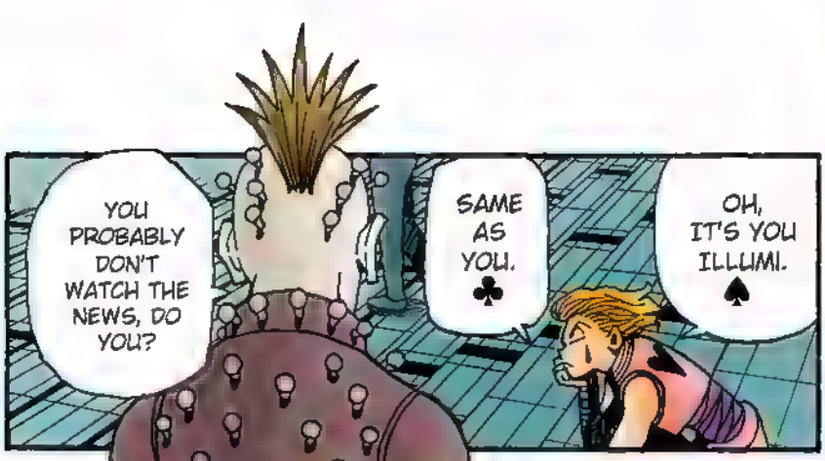
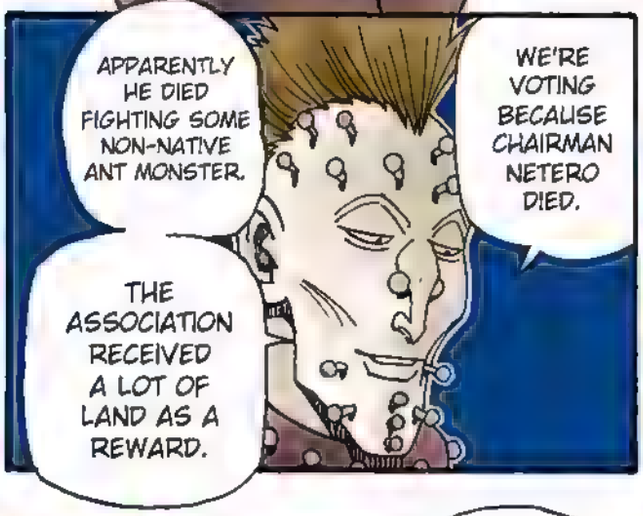
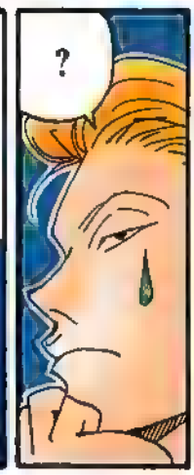
I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO HIM. ♥
IS SOMEONE NAMED GING HERE?
90 POINTS. ♥
THEN WHY ARE YOU HERE?
OH. ♠
77 POINTS. ◆
HE SAID THE NEXT TIME WE SEE HIM HERE WILL BE AT THE RUNOFF.
HE'S ALREADY GONE...
SO YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND TAKE YOUR PAPER AND LEAVE.


...HE'S TAKING STOCKS.
I BET ...
YOU'RE BUSINESS HERE ARE OVER!
YOU'RE BOTHERING US! GET LOST!!
30 POINTS.
2 POINTS.
10 POINTS.
45 POINTS.
10 POINTS.
50 POINTS
20 POINTS.
95 POINTS ...!!
GUESS I SHOULD GO AFTER THE "ZODIACS" NEXT... ♠
...I GUESS PRO HUNTERS ARE STILL NOTHING SPECIAL. ♦


YOU PROBABLY DON'T WATCH THE NEWS, DO YOU?
SAME AS YOU. ♣
OH, IT'S YOU ILLUMI. ♠


APPARENTLY HE DIED FIGHTING SOME NON-NATIVE ANT MONSTER.
WE'RE VOTING BECAUSE CHAIRMAN NETERO DIED.
THE ASSOCIATION RECEIVED A LOT OF LAND AS A REWARD.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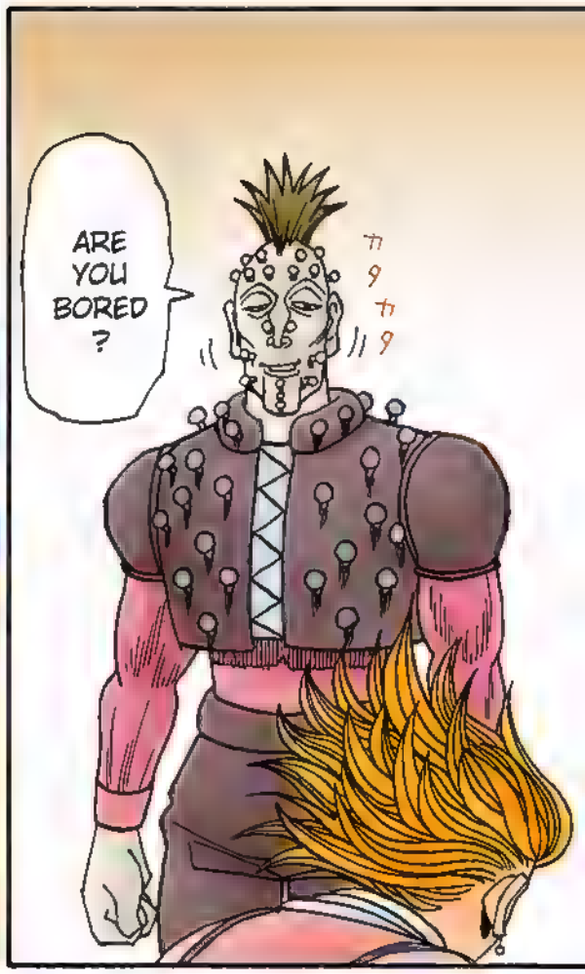
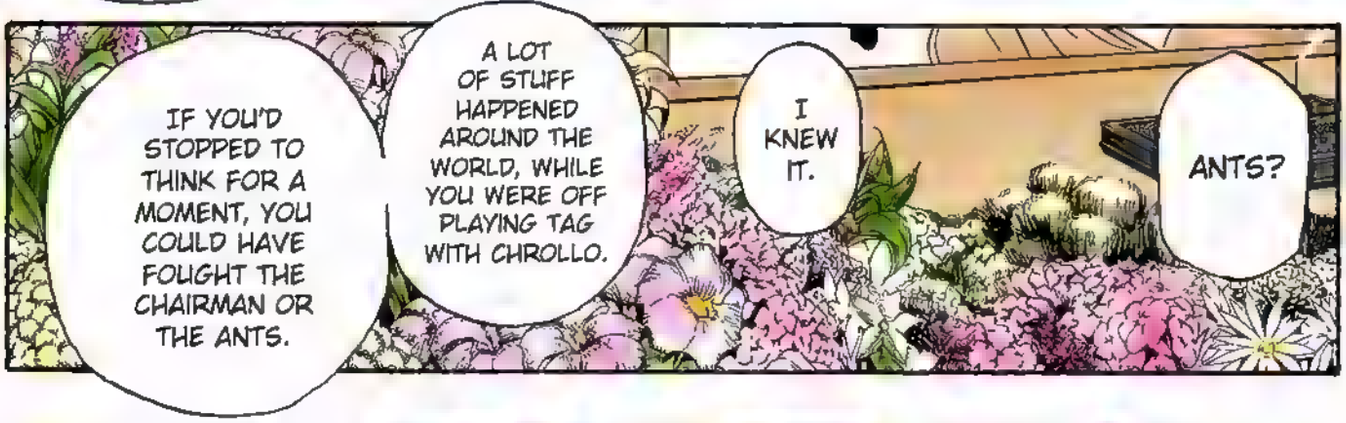
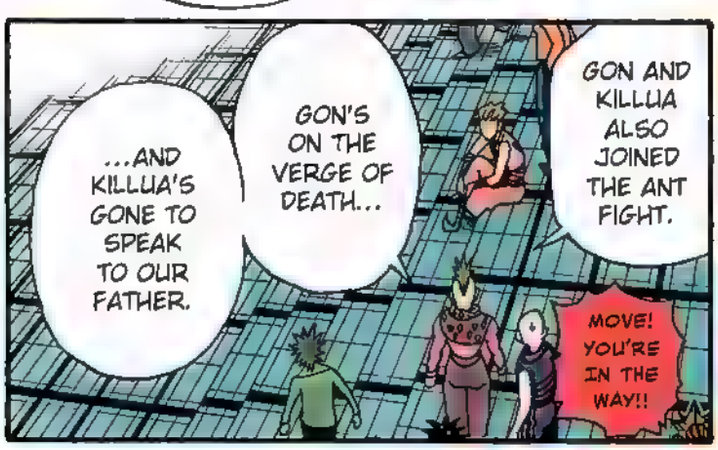
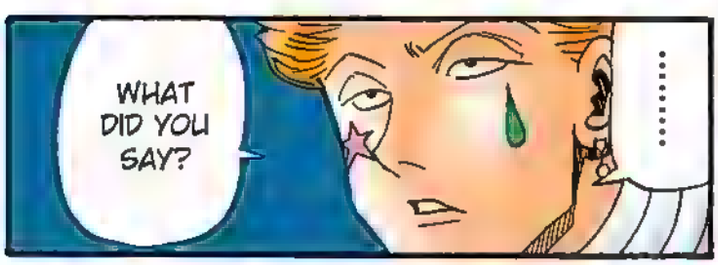

ARE YOU BORED ?


IF YOU'D STOPPED TO THINK FOR A MOMENT, YOU COULD HAVE FOUGHT THE CHAIRMAN OR THE ANTS.
A LOT OF STUFF HAPPENED AROUND THE WORLD, WHILE YOU WERE OFF PLAYING TAG WITH CHROLLO.
I KNEW IT.
ANTS?


...AND KILLUA'S GONE TO SPEAK TO OUR FATHER.
GON'S ON THE VERGE OF DEATH...
GON AND KILLUA ALSO JOINED THE ANT FIGHT.
MOVE! YOU'RE IN THE WAY!!


WHAT DID YOU SAY?
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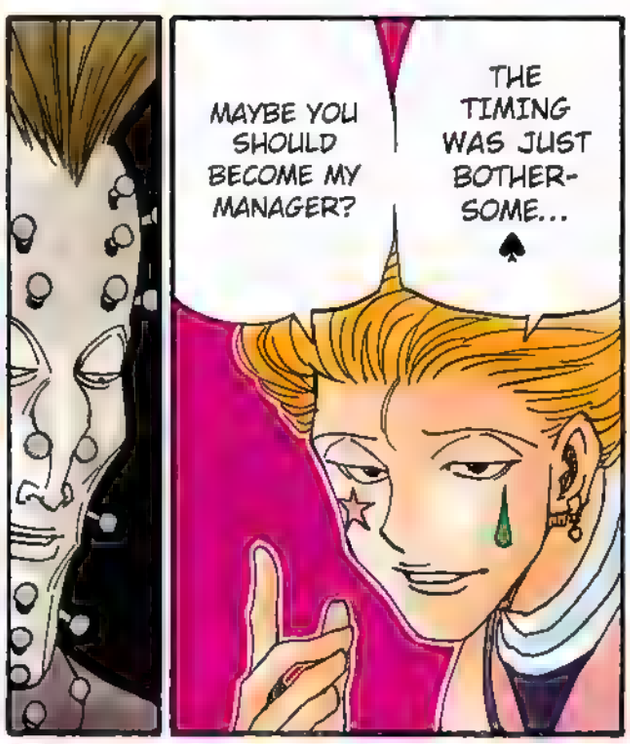
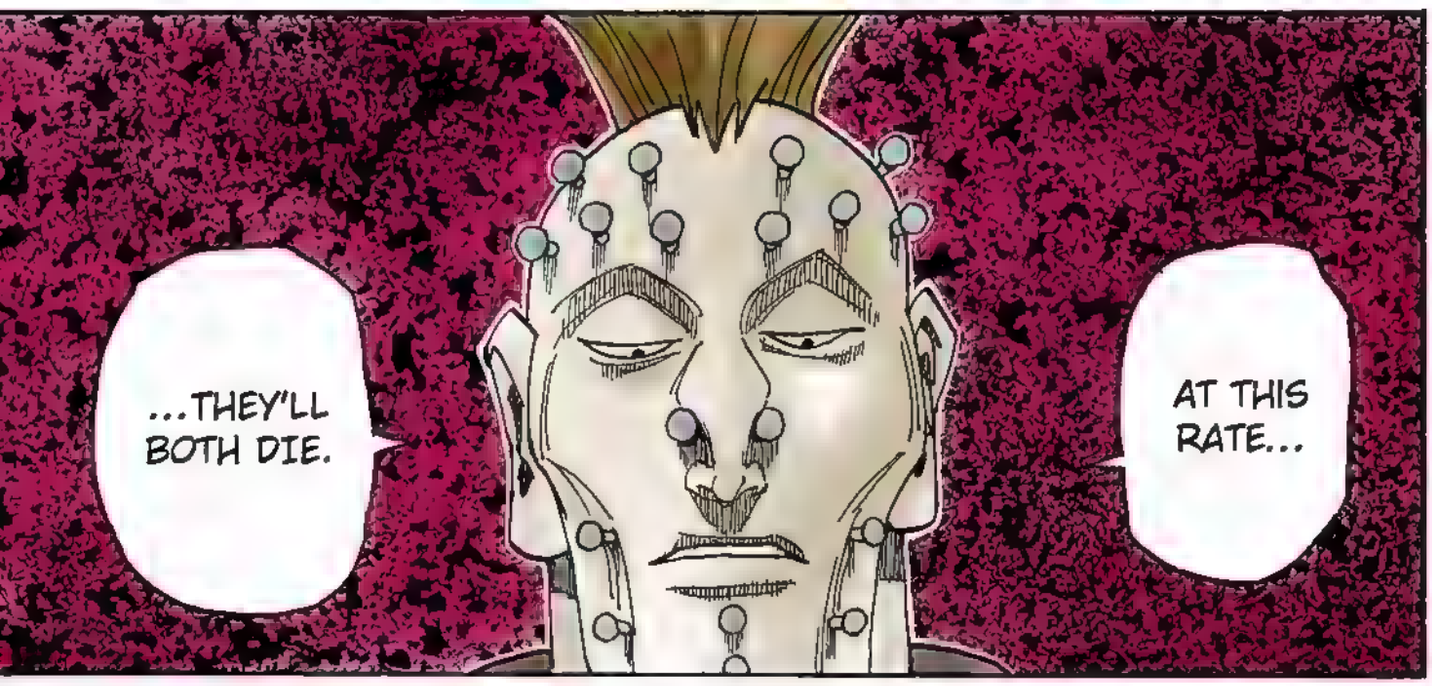
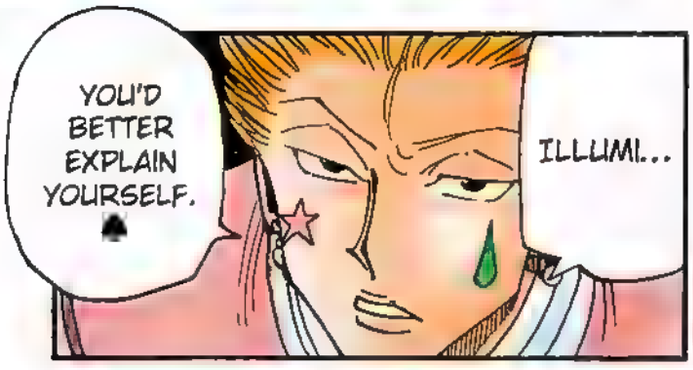
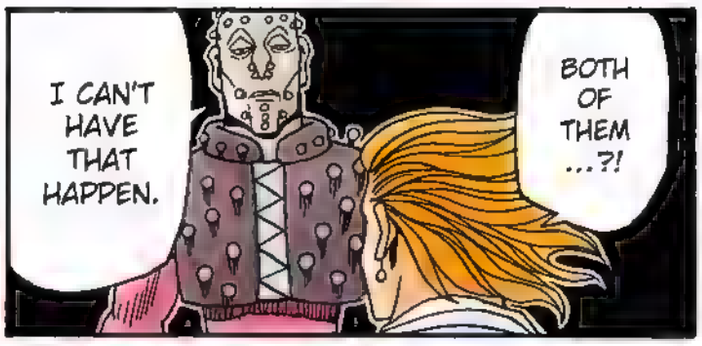
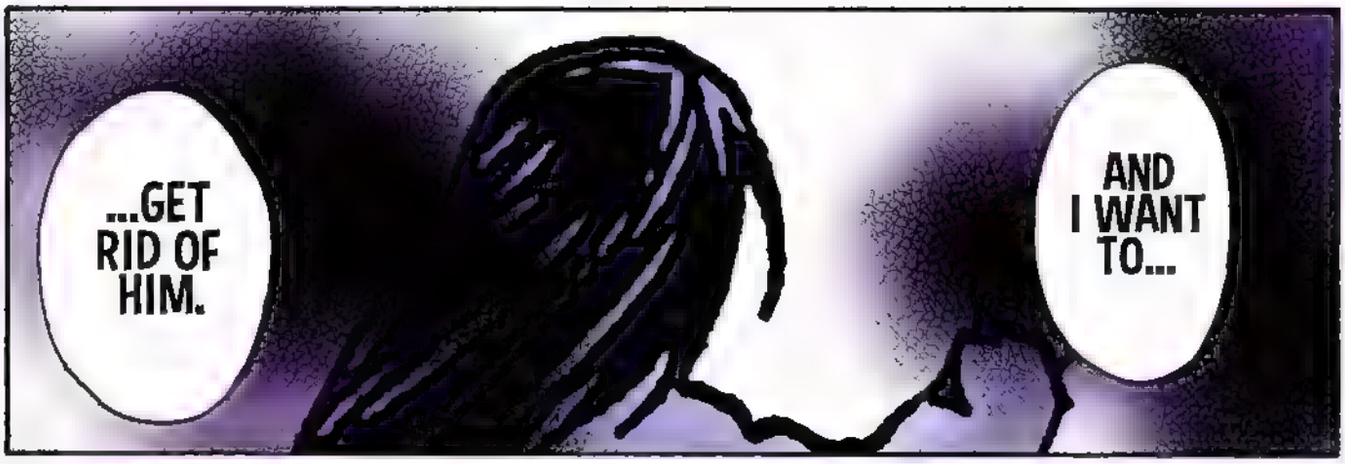

MAYBE YOU SHOULD BECOME MY MANAGER?
THE TIMING WAS JUST BOTHER-SOME... ♠


...THEY'LL BOTH DIE.
AT THIS RATE...


YOU'D BETTER EXPLAIN YOURSELF.
ILLUMI...


I CAN'T HAVE THAT HAPPEN.
BOTH OF THEM ...?!

...WE HAVE ANOTHER YOUNGER BROTHER.
IN OUR FAMILY...


...GET RID OF HIM.
AND I WANT TO...

# ELECTION FOR THE 13TH CHAIRMAN

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|---|---|
| 1ST - PARISTON | 249 VOTES (37.6%) |
| 2ND - CHEADLE | 42 VOTES |
| 3RD - ICKSHONPE | 26 VOTES |
| 4TH - BOTOBAI | 17 VOTES |
| & MAIZSTOM | 17 VOTES |
| 6TH - SACCHO | 14 VOTES |
| 7TH - GINTA | 13 VOTES |
| 8TH - MOREL | 12 VOTES |
| 9TH - PIYON | 11 VOTES |
| & CLUCK | 11 VOTES |
| 11TH - CUTIE | 10 VOTES |
| & SANBICA | 10 VOTES |
| 13TH - TERADEIN | 9 VOTES |
| 14TH - BUSHIDORA | 8 VOTES |
| 15TH - GING | 7 VOTES |
| 16TH - LINNE, TSEZGUERRA & BISCUIT | 6 VOTES |
| 19TH - KNOV, LOUPE | 5 VOTES |
| 21TH - KITE, GERU, KANZAI & 2 OTHERS | 4 VOTES |
| 26TH - SATOTZ, MENCHI & 7 OTHERS | 3 VOTES |
| 35TH - HISOKA, SAIYU & 9 OTHERS | 2 VOTES |
| 46TH - GON, HANZO & 25 OTHERS | 1 VOTES |

VALID VOTES: 580

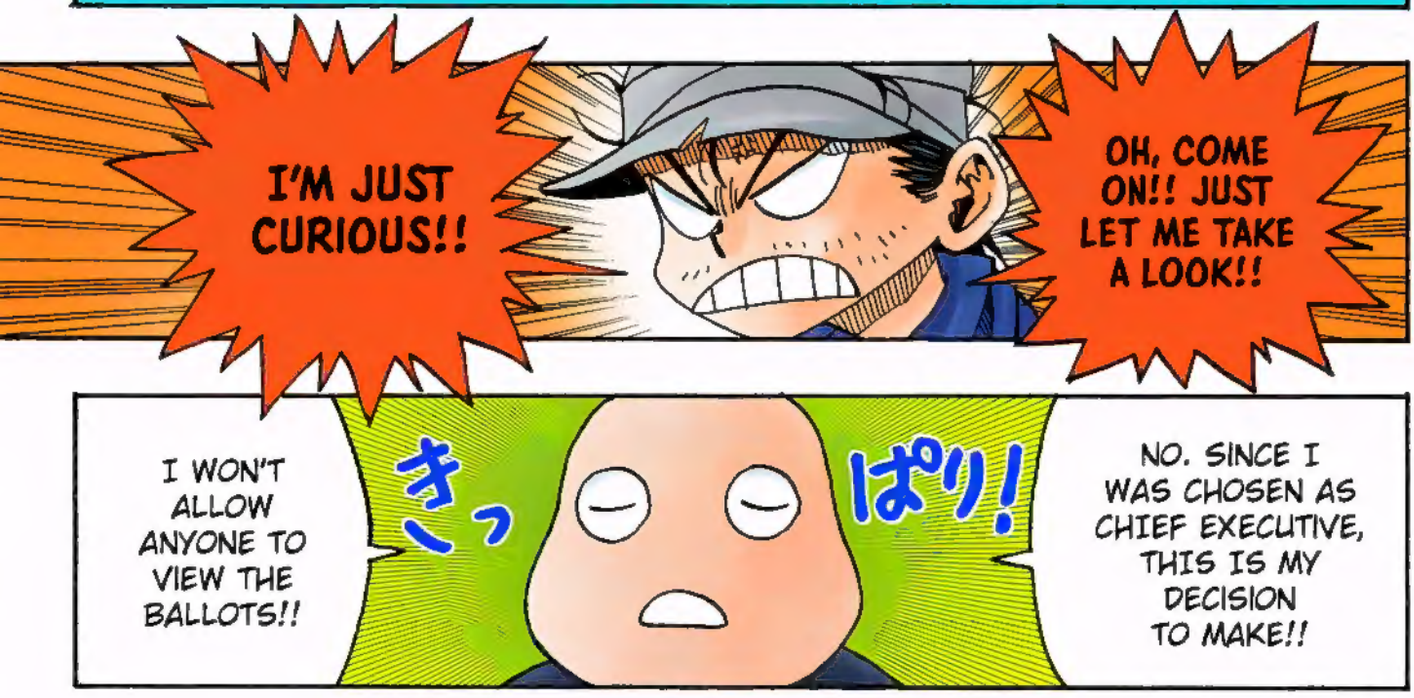
INVALID VOTES: 48 (BLANK VOTES, ERRORS, VOTING FOR NETERO, VOTING FOR PEOPLE NOT ELIGIBLE, ETC.)

ABSENTEE: 33 (GON, SHOOT, KURAPIKA, KILLUA, SHALNARK AND 28 OTHERS)

MAJORITY VOTE GETTER: NONE

VOTER TURNOUT: 87.7%

REVOTE NECESSARY DUE TO FAILURE TO ACHIEVE THE REQUIREMENTS.



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